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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, NOVEMBER, 1943  
(1935-1939 = 100)

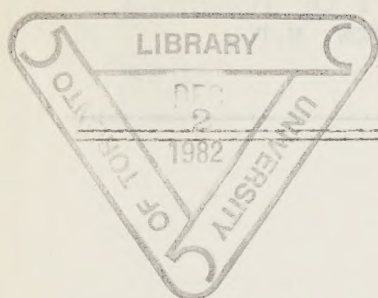
November sales of wholesale merchants in Canada were 11 per cent above the dollar volume of business transacted in November a year ago, according to returns secured from approximately 300 wholesale trading houses representing nine different lines of business. The 11 per cent increase is considerably larger than the gains recorded in the October and September comparisons. Sales for the first eleven months of 1943 stand 7 per cent higher than for the corresponding period of 1942. The general unadjusted index of sales stands at 169.9 for November, 1943; 175.2 for October, 1943; and 152.9 for November, 1942.

The November gain of 11 per cent reflects increased trading activities in all regions of the country. Sales in the Maritime Provinces were up 19 per cent above the dollar value of business transacted in November, 1942; an increase of 13 per cent was recorded in Quebec and in the Prairie Provinces; while gains of 10 per cent and 4 per cent were reported in Ontario and British Columbia respectively.

The fruit and vegetable trade came first in point of view of increased business with a gain of 26 per cent, and the tobacco and confectionery trade was second with a 26 per cent increase in sales. The footwear trade transacted 24 per cent more business, while other gains reported were as follows: automotive equipment trade, 14 per cent; drug trade, 11 per cent; grocery trade, 8 per cent; hardware trade, 5 per cent. Reports received from wholesalers in the dry goods trade indicated a decline of 6 per cent in sales, and the clothing trade sales decreased by 13 per cent from November of last year.

The comparison between stocks on hand at the close of November of this year and last indicated a decline of 3 per cent in stock holdings. Inventories held by clothing wholesalers declined by 18 per cent while decreases for the other trades were as follows: dry goods, 13 per cent; hardware, 8 per cent; footwear, 7 per cent; automotive equipment, 2 per cent. The fruit and vegetable trade and the tobacco and confectionery trade each reported 16 per cent more stock on hand on November 30 of this year compared with the same date in 1942. Increases of 4 and 5 per cent in stock holdings were reported by the grocery and drug trades respectively.





Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1943, compared with 1942			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1) October, 1943 October, 1942	(2) November, 1943 November, 1942	Year-to- date, 1943 Year-to- date, 1942	
Automotive Equipment .....	+15.7	+13.8	+ 7.8	- 2.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.6	+24.6		
Ontario .....	+ 2.5	+ 9.4		
Western Provinces .....	+27.3	+14.6		
Drugs .....	+ 5.6	+11.0	+ 9.5	+ 5.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 4.7	+ 9.2		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.8	+16.5		
Clothing .....	-20.6	-12.7	- 2.5	-17.5
Quebec .....	-15.2	+ 6.4		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	-24.4	-25.4		
Footwear .....	-11.9	+23.8	+ 8.5	- 6.5
Quebec .....	- 7.4	+25.1		
Ontario .....	-18.6	+20.9		
Dry Goods .....	-14.1	- 6.2	- 6.2	-12.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 6.4	+ 5.1		
Ontario .....	-16.7	- 8.9		
Western Provinces .....	-21.3	-15.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+34.2	+36.4	+30.0	+15.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+32.5	+34.1		
Ontario .....	+19.4	+40.9		
Western Provinces .....	+43.9	+34.9		
Groceries .....	- 6.6	+ 8.4	+ 1.9	+ 3.6
Maritimes .....	+ 9.9	+21.8		
Quebec .....	- 8.6	+ 3.7		
Ontario .....	- 2.8	+11.0		
Prairies .....	-14.7	+ 4.9		
British Columbia .....	- 7.8	+ 5.0		
Hardware .....	+ 0.9	+ 4.5	+ 2.6	- 7.8
Maritimes .....	+15.5	+ 5.5		
Quebec .....	- 7.7	+ 5.0		
Ontario .....	+ 4.6	+ 4.9		
Western Provinces .....	+ 1.0	+ 4.1		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+27.2	+26.2	+21.2	+15.6
Quebec .....	+55.0	+39.6		
Ontario .....	+10.9	+16.0		
Western Provinces .....	+21.7	+25.4		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 9.0	+19.0		
Quebec .....	+ 4.7	+13.4		
Ontario .....	- 0.3	+ 9.7		
Prairies .....	+ 3.7	+12.7		
British Columbia .....	- 2.8	+ 3.7		
CANADA .....	+ 2.2	+11.1	+ 6.7	- 2.7

(1) Revised .

(2) Preliminary .

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1940	131.7	144.8	134.9	126.6	129.6	133.7	161.8	165.2	160.0	130.5
November, 1941	147.4	168.1	156.3	142.8	135.8	162.4	161.8	172.8	163.4	153.8
November, 1942	152.9	176.5	151.1	147.9	144.8	179.1	147.1	155.9	122.9	170.3
November, 1943	169.9	210.0	171.3	162.2	163.2	185.7	167.4	194.3	134.5	195.5
1942 - December	148.0	149.8	132.7	149.8	138.1	194.3	127.8	147.0	114.6	143.5
1943 - January	139.9	139.8	133.5	147.2	124.4	167.5	131.4	138.7	129.7	136.6
February	146.3	143.2	147.0	148.1	132.5	168.6	131.7	153.1	110.5	147.6
March	173.4	177.8	173.3	170.1	161.2	191.5	140.7	158.8	127.6	149.6
April	163.8	177.3	165.2	165.8	150.3	180.6	145.2	126.9	129.3	171.7
May	163.6	188.0	161.1	167.2	148.8	185.6	153.9	189.8	116.2	191.9
June	174.3	206.1	161.3	174.1	164.7	206.3	171.9	170.4	139.6	211.5
July	170.8	203.6	149.0	167.4	174.1	203.3	164.5	170.0	143.7	185.6
August	171.6	194.2	146.3	163.7	187.2	191.3	191.5	184.8	140.8	240.3
September	184.8	206.8	178.3	174.4	190.8	196.9	200.8	205.5	165.0	225.6
October	175.2	207.3	180.5	165.6	170.4	182.3	181.2	208.4	131.3	212.8
November	169.9	210.0	171.3	162.2	163.2	185.7	167.4	194.3	134.5	195.5

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont. Provinces	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1940 .....	136.2	136.5	135.8	164.0	136.0	141.6	138.3	137.8	152.5
November, 1941 .....	154.9	156.2	151.1	182.5	153.0	166.8	179.0	178.1	149.5
November, 1942 .....	178.6	179.8	174.8	186.3	152.8	145.1	133.0	156.4	168.2
November, 1943 .....	198.2	196.3	203.6	162.6	189.2	136.1	139.8	142.5	141.6
1942 - December .....	154.5	156.4	148.4	129.8	120.2	112.9	90.0	122.4	125.7
1943 - January .....	170.2	172.4	162.7	155.0	165.5	175.1	171.1	196.2	162.0
February .....	170.4	172.5	165.9	183.0	203.4	171.7	163.9	191.0	159.2
March .....	183.1	179.4	186.0	187.8	199.7	178.9	173.3	174.6	197.0
April .....	183.9	183.6	181.7	172.9	181.1	150.2	150.8	142.8	155.6
May .....	171.7	171.9	170.1	134.1	142.0	149.0	144.2	159.6	141.3
June .....	172.0	170.0	177.5	145.5	166.1	141.1	145.9	130.8	147.9
July .....	175.6	172.4	184.5	121.5	145.0	121.1	100.5	117.7	173.1
August .....	171.0	169.2	175.4	168.5	177.7	147.8	129.5	154.5	171.3
September .....	195.8	198.4	194.5	191.9	198.6	165.0	164.5	164.2	164.8
October .....	210.5	212.6	202.0	169.9	193.1	157.3	154.9	155.4	166.8
November .....	198.2	196.3	203.6	162.6	189.2	136.1	139.8	142.5	141.6



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA (Average, 1935-1955 = 100)

## GROCERIES

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Colombia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1940	124.7	144.0	143.5	115.0	127.1	118.0	137.2	97.2	105.0	112.1
November, 1941	137.0	155.4	153.3	126.0	127.4	147.9	119.0	121.4	122.5	121.5
November, 1942	143.7	173.2	153.0	139.1	129.0	157.5	113.8	111.5	153.9	158.1
November, 1943	155.8	211.0	159.3	154.4	133.2	127.1	202.2	94.1	167.1	213.3
December, 1942	143.3	154.9	126.1	143.6	134.5	127.1	81.3	112.6	184.4	120.0
January, 1943	124.8	145.9	108.3	128.1	114.7	120.6	177.8	118.4	156.9	127.2
February	129.5	145.9	118.7	129.7	119.6	147.4	155.5	167.5	161.5	141.3
March	153.3	182.3	140.9	156.0	142.7	61.2	193.2	92.0	201.4	186.9
April	143.4	174.6	143.1	148.6	153.4	47.2	206.7	193.0	205.8	191.7
May	143.1	182.2	144.9	143.7	126.1	47.3	208.9	221.9	199.3	194.1
June	162.0	192.7	144.6	165.1	143.1	110.1	213.8	218.1	220.0	208.3
July	158.4	194.5	146.0	163.3	143.2	140.9	234.1	225.3	227.3	261.0
August	155.8	189.7	142.6	166.2	143.2	154.6	218.7	174.9	192.2	298.8
September	168.1	200.9	157.5	182.7	143.1	171.1	221.1	94.2	172.5	273.3
October	152.2	201.8	152.9	184.4	147.9	112.2	209.1	101.1	178.3	252.1
November	155.9	211.2	159.7	181.4	143.2	107.7	204.5	101.1	97.1	212.2

## HARDWARE

## TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	CANADA	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1940	153.0	141.1	151.1	152.8	157.1	135.1	131.5	135.9	139.8
December, 1941	181.3	172.0	191.0	183.1	175.3	162.1	148.6	154.6	152.8
November, 1942	167.9	153.5	168.1	146.0	170.1	177.7	161.4	159.0	197.1
November, 1943	171.5	162.0	176.5	153.2	186.1	224.1	229.2	219.8	222.8
December, 1942	148.2	115.1	129.7	141.2	162.0	194.1	111.5	207.0	202.9
January	148.3	113.9	146.1	128.3	171.8	156.1	145.1	161.8	148.3
February	155.6	121.3	142.2	128.8	174.8	155.1	113.1	163.0	152.0
March	187.4	143.3	170.3	163.3	205.3	219.8	215.0	208.1	215.8
April	185.2	176.8	169.1	162.5	181.5	190.4	200.6	192.1	174.5
May	186.8	193.6	171.0	169.7	204.2	208.0	212.3	233.0	161.2
June	187.7	198.7	170.6	166.4	203.1	215.0	226.1	216.6	196.0
July	183.1	168.6	165.2	139.3	214.5	212.2	213.5	210.9	200.3
August	174.7	179.4	157.0	126.0	199.5	208.4	205.7	212.7	204.2
September	180.6	190.6	171.1	166.8	193.5	228.1	244.9	222.1	214.2
October	174.6	207.8	168.4	153.2	182.0	223.2	252.7	214.7	215.8
November	175.5	162.0	176.5	152.2	186.4	224.3	229.2	218.8	222.8

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1943  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Dollar sales of wholesale merchants averaged 12 per cent higher in December, 1943 than in December, 1942 according to reports received from approximately 300 wholesale houses representing nine different trades. The 12 per cent increase is in line with the 11 per cent gain recorded in the November comparison. The November and December results indicate an increase in trading activities as compared with the smaller gains recorded in the fall months. Sales for the year 1943 averaged 7 per cent above 1942. The December unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 165.6 compared with 170.3 for November, 1943 and 148.0 for December, 1942.

Marked increases over December, 1942 were reported by the footwear and fruits and vegetables trades, with gains of 47 per cent and 32 per cent respectively. The drug trade reported a substantial increase in sales of 21 per cent, while tobacco and confectionery sales were up 17 per cent and automotive equipment sales were 14 per cent higher than in December, 1942. The grocery trade recorded a gain of 9 per cent, and a minor gain of 2 per cent was registered by the hardware trade. Reports received from wholesale merchants engaged in the textile business indicated a decline in sales. The dry goods trade reported 2 per cent less business transacted, while clothing sales were down 23 per cent.

Conforming with the trend in retail drug store sales, the business of wholesale drug distributors recorded increases of considerable proportions in all months of 1943, gains over corresponding months of 1942 ranging from 5 per cent in April to 21 per cent in December. The fruits and vegetables trade recorded major gains over 1942 in each of the twelve monthly comparisons, and the cumulative figures for the year stand 30 per cent above the volume of business transacted in 1942. This increase in dollar sales may be attributed, in part, to the advancing prices of fresh fruits and vegetables. Comparisons are made of dollar volumes of sales and do not allow for price fluctuations. Marked increases ranging from 7 to 42 per cent were registered by wholesale tobacco and confectionery merchants, each month of 1943 recording an increase in sales over the corresponding period of 1942.

Wholesalers handling automotive equipment and supplies reported a sharp drop in sales for the first four months of 1943 as compared with the same period of 1942. Increases ranging from 15 to 39 per cent were recorded in succeeding monthly comparisons. The marked expansion in 1943 over 1942 is a resultant of the curtailment of new car production which came into effect at the end of 1941, with the consequent stimulus to the automotive repair trades which later on developed.

Sales transacted by dry goods merchants in January and February, 1943, exceeded the dollar volume transacted in the same months of 1942 by 34 and 14 per cent respectively. Dry goods sales for each of the remaining ten months of the year fell considerably below the 1942 level of trading, the annual comparison registering a decline of 6 per cent.

There were no outstanding features in the trends of wholesale grocery or hardware trading in 1943 as compared with 1942. Each trade reported a minor increase of 3 per cent in sales over 1942 business. The 3 per cent gain reported by the grocery trade reflects an increase in trading activities in the eastern provinces and Ontario which was offset by a falling off in sales in the western provinces. Sales increased over 1942 by 12 per cent in the Maritimes, 2 per cent in Quebec, and 5 per cent in Ontario; declines registered by the Prairies and British Columbia were 1 per cent and 3 per cent respectively. Annual comparisons in the hardware trade indicated increases in sales over 1942 of 3 per cent in the Maritimes and Quebec, and 10 per cent in British Columbia, and showed a decrease of 5 per cent in Ontario and 9 per cent in the Prairie Provinces.

The dollar value of inventories held on December 31, 1943 was 2 per cent below the value of stock on hand at the end of December of the previous year. The 2 per cent decline is smaller than decreases recorded in earlier months of the year and reflects the gradual narrowing of the spread evident in corresponding month comparisons for the two years. Inventories carried by the fruit and vegetables trade were up 21 per cent; the tobacco and confectionery trade, 15 per cent; the grocery trade, 6 per cent; the drug trade, 4 per cent. Decreases in stocks ranging from 5 to 13 per cent were reported by the other trades.



## Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1943, compared with 1942			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1) November, 1943 November, 1942	(2) December, 1943 December, 1942	Year-to- date, 1943 Year-to- date, 1942	
Automotive Equipment .....	+13.8	+14.0	+ 8.3	- 5.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+24.6	+27.4		
Ontario .....	+ 9.4	- 1.8		
Western Provinces .....	+14.6	+ 3.0		
Drugs .....	+11.1	+21.4	+10.5	+ 3.7
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ..	+ 9.6	+24.6		
Western Provinces .....	+16.5	+12.9		
Clothing .....	+12.6	+22.5	+ 3.8	- 9.7
Quebec .....	+ 6.4	+20.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+25.4	+26.9		
Footwear .....	+23.2	+46.6	+10.7	- 9.3
Quebec .....	+25.1	+87.0		
Ontario .....	+17.8	- 2.5		
Dry Goods .....	- 6.4	- 2.1	- 6.1	-12.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.3	+15.2		
Ontario .....	- 8.9	-10.3		
Western Provinces .....	-15.8	- 7.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+34.5	+32.3	+30.0	+21.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+30.3	+28.4		
Ontario .....	+36.1	+22.7		
Western Provinces .....	+35.1	+39.0		
Groceries .....	+ 9.0	+ 8.9	+ 2.5	+ 6.0
Maritimes .....	+22.0	+25.2		
Quebec .....	+ 5.7	+18.5		
Ontario .....	+11.5	+10.7		
Prairies .....	+ 4.9	+ 7.9		
British Columbia .....	+ 5.0	+12.2		
Hardware .....	+ 4.5	+ 2.3	+ 2.6	- 8.7
Maritimes .....	+ 5.5	+16.2		
Quebec .....	+ 4.8	+10.4		
Ontario .....	+ 4.9	+ 5.9		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.1	+ 2.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+26.0	+17.0	+20.8	+15.0
Quebec .....	+39.6	+31.4		
Ontario .....	+14.9	+ 7.1		
Western Provinces .....	+27.6	+14.7		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+18.1	+23.9		
Quebec .....	+13.7	+22.6		
Ontario .....	+ 9.9	+ 7.0		
Prairies .....	+13.0	+14.9		
British Columbia .....	+ 4.0	- 3.4		
CANADA .....	+11.4	+11.9	+ 7.1	- 1.7

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(2) Preliminary.

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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1940	125.0	132.0	119.4	127.6	115.7	144.6	148.9	181.9	151.6	141.9
December, 1941	137.4	144.9	132.4	141.5	125.3	158.2	163.9	190.4	166.8	159.4
December, 1942	148.4	152.4	132.7	149.7	138.3	194.3	127.8	147.0	114.6	143.5
December, 1943	165.6	185.6	162.7	160.3	158.7	187.7	145.7	187.3	112.5	147.8
1943 - January	139.9	139.8	133.5	147.2	124.4	167.5	131.4	138.7	129.7	136.6
February	146.3	143.2	147.0	148.1	132.5	168.6	131.7	153.1	110.5	147.6
March	173.4	177.8	173.3	170.1	161.2	191.5	140.7	158.8	127.6	149.6
April	163.8	177.3	165.2	165.8	150.3	180.6	145.2	126.9	129.3	171.7
May	163.6	168.0	161.1	167.2	148.8	185.6	153.9	189.8	116.2	191.9
June	174.3	206.1	161.3	174.1	164.7	206.3	171.9	170.4	139.6	211.5
July	170.8	203.6	149.0	167.4	174.1	203.3	164.5	170.0	143.7	185.6
August	171.6	194.2	146.3	163.7	187.2	191.3	191.5	184.8	140.8	240.3
September	184.8	206.8	178.3	174.4	190.8	196.9	200.8	205.5	165.0	225.6
October	175.2	207.1	180.5	166.1	170.4	182.3	181.2	208.4	131.3	212.8
November	170.3	208.4	171.8	162.5	163.6	186.3	167.4	194.3	134.5	195.5
December	165.6	185.6	162.7	160.3	158.7	187.7	145.7	187.3	112.5	147.8

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario	Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA		CANADA						
December, 1940	132.6	132.8	132.2		125.6		129.9		106.0	115.1		105.9	90.0
December, 1941	148.6	149.5	145.8		128.4		172.2		100.6	100.8		94.9	106.5
December, 1942	154.5	156.4	148.4		129.8		120.2		112.9	92.2		122.4	130.6
December, 1943	187.6	194.9	167.5		100.5		176.2		110.5	103.7		109.8	115.9
1943 - January	170.2	172.4	162.7		155.0		165.5		175.1	171.1		196.2	162.0
February	170.4	172.5	165.9		183.0		203.4		171.7	163.9		191.0	159.2
March	183.1	179.4	196.0		187.8		199.7		178.9	173.3		174.6	197.0
April	183.9	183.6	181.7		172.9		181.1		150.2	150.8		142.8	155.6
May	171.7	171.9	170.1		134.1		142.0		149.0	144.2		159.6	141.3
June	172.0	170.0	177.5		145.5		166.1		141.1	145.9		130.8	147.9
July	175.6	172.4	184.5		121.5		145.0		121.1	100.5		117.7	173.1
August	171.0	169.2	175.4		168.5		177.7		147.8	129.5		154.5	171.3
September	195.8	198.4	194.5		191.9		198.6		165.0	164.5		164.2	164.8
October	210.5	212.6	202.0		169.9		193.1		157.3	154.9		155.4	166.8
November	198.4	197.1	203.6		162.8		186.7		135.8	137.4		142.5	141.6
December	187.6	194.9	167.5		100.5		176.2		110.5	103.7		109.8	115.9

DRY GOODS



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANAD.	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1940 .....	119.0	130.5	108.1	120.6	112.0	136.6	125.2	115.5	128.0	125.7
December, 1941 .....	124.6	141.1	117.3	124.1	119.7	132.6	141.2	135.9	155.9	130.6
December, 1942 .....	143.9	160.3	126.1	143.6	134.3	177.4	181.2	152.2	184.3	189.0
December, 1943 .....	156.1	193.9	149.4	159.0	144.9	155.8	239.5	195.4	226.3	262.7
1943 - January .....	124.8	145.9	108.3	128.1	114.7	135.6	137.8	118.4	156.9	121.8
February .....	129.5	145.9	118.7	129.7	119.6	147.4	155.5	167.5	161.5	141.3
March .....	153.3	182.3	140.9	156.0	142.7	160.2	196.2	192.0	201.4	186.9
April .....	143.4	174.6	143.1	148.6	123.4	147.2	206.7	198.0	205.8	191.7
May .....	143.1	182.2	144.9	146.7	126.1	147.3	208.9	224.9	199.3	194.4
June .....	162.0	198.7	144.6	165.1	148.0	179.0	218.8	228.7	220.0	208.3
July .....	158.4	194.5	146.0	163.7	146.2	156.9	233.5	205.8	223.8	261.0
August .....	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	218.7	134.9	192.2	298.8
September .....	168.1	200.9	157.5	162.7	163.5	174.1	221.0	194.2	172.5	273.3
October .....	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	208.9	171.7	177.9	252.1
November .....	156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	197.4	190.5	190.4	213.6
December .....	156.1	193.9	149.4	159.0	144.9	155.8	239.5	195.4	226.3	262.7

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1940 .....	141.8	112.7	130.9	155.3	142.3	145.4	141.7	147.2	147.7
December, 1941 .....	175.0	145.3	163.2	198.0	171.2	168.8	170.5	169.7	164.7
December, 1942 .....	148.9	115.1	129.7	141.2	162.6	194.1	177.5	203.0	202.9
December, 1943 .....	152.3	133.7	143.2	132.9	166.8	227.1	233.2	217.4	232.7
<u>1943 -</u> January .....	148.3	113.9	146.1	128.0	171.2	156.1	145.4	161.8	148.3
February .....	155.6	121.3	142.2	128.8	174.8	155.4	143.1	163.0	152.0
March .....	187.4	143.3	170.3	163.2	205.3	219.8	235.0	208.1	215.8
April .....	185.2	176.8	169.1	173.8	196.5	190.4	210.6	178.1	174.5
May .....	186.8	193.6	171.0	167.6	206.3	208.8	202.3	238.0	161.2
June .....	187.7	198.7	170.6	166.6	208.7	216.6	226.4	218.6	196.0
July .....	183.1	168.6	155.2	139.3	214.5	212.2	213.5	210.9	200.3
August .....	174.7	179.4	157.0	126.0	199.5	208.4	205.7	212.7	204.2
September .....	180.6	190.6	171.1	166.8	193.5	228.1	244.9	222.1	214.2
October .....	174.6	207.8	168.4	153.1	182.0	233.2	252.7	214.7	215.8
November .....	175.5	162.0	176.2	153.2	186.4	223.9	229.2	216.7	222.8
December .....	152.3	133.7	143.2	132.9	166.8	227.1	233.2	217.4	232.7





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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1944  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale trade in Canada recorded a 12 per cent increase during the first month of the year for the nine lines of business for which data are available. The 12 per cent increase conforms with the pattern of wholesale trading witnessed in the latter months of 1943. The January unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 156.7 compared with 164.3 for December, 1943 and 139.9 for January, 1943.

The 12 per cent increase was shared by all regions of the country. The Maritime and Prairie Provinces reported marked increases in trading, gains of 28 per cent and 31 per cent respectively being recorded. Dollar sales increased by 8 per cent in Quebec and Ontario, and were up 5 per cent in British Columbia.

The automotive equipment trade came first in point of view of increased trading, with a gain of 36 per cent. This major increase may be attributed in part to the low level of trading reported by automotive equipment suppliers in January of last year. Substantial gains were reported by the fruits and vegetables trade and the footwear trade, sales having increased by 23 and 21 per cent respectively. Reports received from clothing wholesalers registered a 13 per cent gain in sales, while the tobacco and confectionery trade reported 15 per cent more business transacted, and wholesale drug sales inclined 14 per cent. Smaller gains were reported by the dry goods, grocery, and hardware trades, increases ranging from 2 to 14 per cent.

The inventory position at the end of January of this year remained constant with the value of stock holdings at the end of January, 1943. The clothing, footwear, dry goods, and hardware trades valued their stocks lower than the merchandise held on the same date of last year. This is in line with the steady decline in stock holdings witnessed in these trades throughout 1943. The other five trades under survey reported the following gains in inventories: automotive equipment, 7 per cent; groceries, 13 per cent; drugs and tobacco and confectionery, each 12 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 18 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1) December, 1943 December, 1942	(2) January, 1944 January, 1943	
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 6.1	+36.0	+ 9.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+24.0	+48.0	
Ontario .....	+ 3.6	+14.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 1.9	+57.7	
Drugs .....	+20.2	+13.8	+12.2
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ...	+22.1	+13.3	
Western Provinces .....	+12.9	+16.8	
Clothing .....	-20.3	+15.6	- 8.6
Quebec .....	-17.5	0	
Ontario and Western Provinces ...	-25.8	+18.4	
Footwear .....	+48.6	+21.8	+18.6
Quebec .....	+87.0	+40.9	
Ontario .....	- 2.5	- 1.1	
Dry Goods .....	+ 0.1	+ 6.3	-14.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.2	-10.5	
Ontario .....	-10.7	+ 4.9	
Western Provinces .....	- 4.7	+30.3	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+50.3	+26.2	+18.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+32.4	+35.2	
Ontario .....	+17.2	+13.0	
Western Provinces .....	+38.7	+34.5	
Groceries .....	+ 8.6	+ 9.8	+10.9
Maritimes .....	+24.9	+25.7	
Quebec .....	+15.5	+ 2.2	
Ontario .....	+10.2	+ 6.5	
Prairies .....	+ 7.9	+11.0	
British Columbia .....	-12.2	+ 9.8	
Hardware .....	- 5.1	+ 2.0	- 4.0
Maritimes .....	+18.2	+26.9	
Quebec .....	+14.9	+ 3.3	
Ontario .....	- 6.5	+ 1.9	
Western Provinces .....	- 4.4	- 0.4	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+17.2	+15.2	+11.5
Quebec .....	+31.4	+16.0	
Ontario .....	+ 8.4	+10.6	
Western Provinces .....	+14.3	+22.7	
Wholesale Trade --			
Maritimes .....	+24.6	+27.7	
Quebec .....	+20.7	+ 7.5	
Ontario .....	+ 6.3	+ 7.8	
Prairies .....	+14.9	+20.5	
British Columbia .....	- 5.7	+ 5.0	
CANADA .....	+11.0	+12.0	+ 0.8

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

(Average 1935-1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1941	106.2	111.5	94.9	114.3	98.1	120.4	117.7	109.4	140.1	101.6
January, 1942	132.2	134.6	118.5	144.0	121.0	147.6	171.2	153.5	202.4	151.1
January, 1943	139.9	139.8	133.5	147.2	124.4	167.5	131.4	138.7	129.7	136.6
January, 1944	156.7	178.5	143.5	158.7	149.9	175.9	178.7	205.3	148.4	215.4
1943 - February	146.3	143.2	147.0	148.1	132.5	168.6	131.7	153.1	110.5	147.6
March	173.4	177.8	173.3	170.1	161.2	191.5	140.7	158.8	127.6	149.6
April	163.8	177.3	165.2	165.8	150.3	180.6	145.2	126.9	129.3	171.7
May	163.6	188.0	161.1	167.2	148.8	185.6	153.9	189.8	116.2	191.9
June	174.3	206.1	161.3	174.1	164.7	206.3	171.9	170.4	139.6	211.5
July	170.8	203.6	149.0	167.4	174.1	203.3	164.5	170.0	143.7	185.6
August	171.6	194.2	146.3	163.7	187.2	191.3	191.5	184.8	140.8	240.3
September	184.8	206.8	178.3	174.4	190.8	196.9	200.8	205.5	165.0	225.6
October	175.2	207.1	180.5	166.1	170.4	182.3	181.2	208.4	131.3	212.8
November	170.3	208.6	171.6	162.5	163.6	186.4	168.0	195.3	134.5	195.5
December	164.3	186.7	160.2	160.1	158.7	183.2	135.6	182.3	118.7	146.2
1944 - January	156.7	178.5	143.5	158.7	149.9	175.9	178.7	205.3	148.4	215.4

Year and Month	DEETS			CLOTHING FOOTWEAR			DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Que. & Ont. Provinces	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	Que. & Ont. Provinces	CANADA	Que. & Ont. Provinces	Western Provinces
January, 1941	142.7	145.3	142.3	71.1	56.2	82.1	91.3	111.0	85.0
January, 1942	159.5	163.6	146.2	97.7	98.0	122.8	130.8	162.7	106.0
January, 1943	170.2	172.4	162.7	155.0	165.5	171.1	175.1	196.2	162.0
January, 1944	193.7	195.3	190.0	179.2	201.6	153.1	186.1	205.8	211.1
1943 - February	170.4	172.3	165.3	183.0	203.4	163.2	211.7	191.0	159.2
March	183.1	179.4	196.0	187.8	199.7	173.3	173.9	174.6	197.0
April	189.2	188.6	181.7	172.9	175.1	150.8	151.2	142.8	155.6
May	171.7	172.9	170.1	134.1	140.0	144.1	149.0	159.6	141.3
June	172.3	170.0	177.0	145.5	150.1	145.3	142.1	130.8	147.6
July	175.6	173.3	184.1	141.5	145.0	100.5	121.1	117.7	173.1
August	171.0	167.0	170.1	136.5	137.7	129.5	147.8	154.5	171.3
September	195.8	193.2	191.3	141.3	139.5	154.5	153.0	144.2	164.3
October	213.0	212.7	207.0	159.3	162.1	164.9	157.9	155.4	163.3
November	198.4	197.1	201.3	162.3	160.7	127.1	186.8	142.5	141.6
December	186.7	191.0	167.3	103.5	77.3	106.4	213.0	102.2	119.2
1944 - January	193.7	195.3	190.0	179.2	201.6	153.1	186.1	205.8	211.1

# DOMESTIC INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

Average, 1925-1939 = 100

Year and Month	GROUPS					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	English Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	English Provinces	Ontario
January, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	94.0	82.4	104.7
February, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	99.2	138.7
March, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	117.4	156.5
April, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	160.1	177.3
May, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	167.5	181.5
June, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	192.0	201.4
July, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
August, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
September, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
October, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
November, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
December, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
1942 - 1943	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8

Year and Month	LUMBER					TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES			
	CANADA	English Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	English Provinces	Ontario
January, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	99.2	138.7
February, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	117.4	156.5
March, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	160.1	177.3
April, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	167.5	181.5
May, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	192.0	201.4
June, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
July, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
August, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
September, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
October, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
November, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
December, 1941	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8
1942 - 1943	127.2	140.2	80.7	104.3	105.2	123.5	117.8	198.0	205.8



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Dollar sales of wholesale merchants in Canada averaged 14 per cent higher in February of this year than last according to reports received from a representative number of wholesale houses in nine trades. The 14 per cent increase in trading activities over February, 1943, is in line with the spread of 12 per cent recorded in the January comparison. The February unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939 = 100, stands at 166.2 compared with 156.0 for January, 1944 and 146.3 for February, 1943.

Each of the economic divisions of the country shared in the 14 per cent increase. Major gains of 21 per cent were reported both in the Maritime and Prairie Provinces. Sales were 12 per cent higher in Ontario while gains recorded for Quebec and British Columbia were 8 and 9 per cent respectively.

The automotive equipment trade came first from point of view of increased trading, a gain of 41 per cent being reported. Tobacco and confectionery sales were up by 19 per cent while the fruits and vegetables trade and the groceries trade transacted 16 and 15 per cent more business respectively during February of this year than in February, 1943. A 13 per cent increase was reported by drug wholesalers and hardware sales averaged 11 per cent higher. The clothing trade recorded a gain of 10 per cent; dollar business transacted by dry goods wholesalers remained unchanged from the value of sales realized in February of last year; footwear sales declined by 12 per cent.

Wholesalers' inventory position averaged 4 per cent higher than at the end of February, 1943. The fruits and vegetables trade reported 24 per cent more stock on hand at the end of February, 1944 than on the same date of last year, while wholesale grocers held 12 per cent more merchandise. The automotive equipment trade and drug trade each reported a 9 per cent gain in stock holdings. Inventories held by tobacco and confectionery wholesalers were valued 6 per cent higher. Declines in inventory holdings were reported by the other trades, decreases ranging from 2 per cent for the hardware trade to 17 per cent for the footwear trade.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	
	January, 1944 January, 1943	February, 1944 February, 1943	
Automotive Equipment .....	+33.7	+40.9	+ 9.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+48.0	+58.3	
Ontario .....	+14.4	+33.9	
Western Provinces .....	+48.6	+41.5	
Drugs .....	+13.9	+12.8	+ 9.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ....	+13.4	+10.7	
Western Provinces .....	+16.8	+19.2	
Clothing .....	+18.8	+ 9.8	-11.8
Quebec .....	- 2.5	+18.8	
Ontario and Western Provinces ....	+23.4	+ 8.1	
Footwear .....	+21.8	-11.6	-13.7
Quebec .....	+40.9	-15.2	
Ontario .....	- 1.1	- 6.9	
Dry Goods .....	+ 5.3	+ 0.7	- 9.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 9.1	+ 2.8	
Ontario .....	+ 3.6	- 5.9	
Western Provinces .....	+30.3	+ 8.3	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+24.8	+13.7	+23.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+30.7	+ 8.7	
Ontario .....	+12.3	+10.4	
Western Provinces .....	+34.5	+23.1	
Cereals .....	+ 4.0	+15.1	+11.8
Maritimes .....	+23.6	+19.3	
Quebec .....	+ 2.0	+12.4	
Ontario .....	+ 6.5	+15.6	
Prairies .....	+ 8.9	+16.7	
British Columbia .....	+ 9.8	+10.0	
Hardware .....	+ 2.6	+11.4	- 2.3
Maritimes .....	+26.9	+15.8	
Quebec .....	+ 5.8	+ 4.9	
Ontario .....	+ 1.5	+13.4	
Western Provinces .....	0	+13.0	
Sweets and Confectionery .....	+15.3	+19.2	+ 5.6
Quebec .....	+16.0	+17.5	
Ontario .....	+11.2	+17.1	
Western Provinces .....	+22.7	+24.4	
Wholesale Trade --			
Maritimes .....	+24.9	+21.1	
Quebec .....	+ 7.6	+ 8.3	
Ontario .....	+ 7.9	+11.6	
Prairies .....	+19.2	+20.7	
British Columbia .....	+ 5.0	+ 8.7	
CANADA .....	+11.5	+13.6	+ 3.7

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.

Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100

## ALL TRADE

Year and Month	ALL TRADE					Western Provinces		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	British Columbia	CANADA & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1941	110.6	112.6	108.2	112.9	126.6	111.1	120.3	108.2
February, 1942	136.1	153.0	132.3	139.3	140.0	165.0	154.8	171.4
February, 1943	146.3	143.2	147.0	148.1	168.6	131.7	110.5	147.6
February, 1944	166.2	173.4	159.2	165.3	183.3	185.6	148.0	208.9
1943 - March	173.4	177.8	173.3	170.1	191.5	140.7	127.6	149.6
April	163.8	177.3	165.2	165.8	180.6	145.2	129.3	171.7
May	163.6	188.0	161.1	167.2	185.6	153.9	116.2	191.9
June	174.3	206.1	161.3	174.1	206.3	171.9	139.6	211.5
July	170.8	203.6	149.0	167.4	203.3	164.5	143.7	185.6
August	171.6	194.2	146.3	163.7	191.3	191.5	140.8	240.3
September	184.8	206.8	178.3	174.4	196.9	200.8	165.0	225.6
October	175.2	207.1	180.5	166.1	182.3	181.2	131.3	212.8
November	170.3	208.6	171.6	162.5	186.4	168.0	134.5	195.5
December	164.3	186.5	159.6	160.1	183.2	135.6	118.7	146.2
1944 - January	156.0	174.6	143.6	158.8	175.9	175.7	148.4	203.0
February	166.2	173.4	159.2	165.3	183.3	185.6	148.0	208.9

## CLOTHING FOOTWEAR

## DRUGS

## DRY GOODS

Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR					Western Provinces		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Western Provinces
February, 1941	129.8	131.6	126.0	126.0	104.9	113.2	127.8	104.7
February, 1942	152.4	154.6	147.7	147.7	154.1	151.7	181.2	136.5
February, 1943	170.4	172.6	165.9	165.9	203.4	171.7	191.0	159.2
February, 1944	192.2	191.0	197.8	197.8	179.8	172.3	179.7	172.4
1943 - March	183.1	179.4	196.0	196.0	199.7	173.9	174.6	197.0
April	183.9	183.6	181.7	181.7	181.1	150.2	142.8	155.6
May	171.7	171.9	170.1	170.1	142.0	149.0	159.6	141.3
June	172.0	170.0	177.5	177.5	166.1	141.1	130.8	147.9
July	175.6	172.4	184.5	184.5	145.0	121.1	117.7	173.1
August	171.0	169.2	175.4	175.4	177.7	147.8	154.5	171.3
September	195.8	198.4	194.5	194.5	198.6	165.0	164.2	164.8
October	210.5	212.6	202.0	202.0	193.1	157.3	155.4	166.8
November	198.4	197.1	203.6	203.6	186.7	135.8	142.5	141.6
December	185.7	191.0	167.5	167.5	176.2	113.5	109.8	119.8
1944 - January	193.9	193.5	190.0	190.0	201.6	184.4	203.3	211.1
February	192.2	191.0	197.8	197.8	179.8	172.3	179.7	172.4



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES							FRUITS AND VEGETABLES		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1941	106.4	121.2	95.6	102.4	103.5	121.4	99.0	116.6	104.7	85.8
February, 1942	125.6	136.4	108.5	120.5	122.3	155.6	117.9	139.7	132.6	55.4
February, 1943	129.5	145.9	118.7	129.7	119.6	147.4	155.5	167.5	151.6	141.3
February, 1944	149.1	174.1	133.4	149.9	139.6	162.1	179.9	182.1	178.3	173.9
1943 - March	153.3	182.3	140.9	156.0	142.7	160.2	196.2	192.0	201.4	186.9
April	143.4	174.6	143.1	148.6	123.4	147.2	206.7	196.0	205.6	191.7
May	143.1	182.2	144.9	146.7	126.1	147.3	208.9	224.9	199.3	194.4
June	162.0	198.7	144.6	165.1	148.0	179.0	218.8	228.7	220.0	208.3
July	158.4	194.5	146.0	163.7	146.2	156.9	233.5	205.8	223.8	261.0
August	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	218.7	154.9	192.2	298.8
September	168.1	200.9	157.5	162.7	163.5	174.1	221.0	194.2	172.6	273.3
October	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	208.9	171.7	197.9	252.1
November	156.6	211.5	153.4	154.8	136.3	163.3	197.2	182.9	190.1	213.6
December	155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	235.1	198.5	216.1	262.1
1944 - January	152.0	189.3	143.5	156.4	124.9	148.9	172.1	164.7	176.2	163.8
February	149.1	174.1	133.4	149.9	139.6	162.1	179.9	182.1	178.3	173.9

Year and Month	FARMARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
February, 1941	113.3	81.4	101.7	121.0	124.1	124.0	134.1	120.1	112.5	
February, 1942	157.3	121.8	136.2	160.6	164.9	138.4	147.3	134.5	127.7	
February, 1943	155.6	121.3	142.2	128.8	174.0	155.4	145.1	165.0	152.0	
February, 1944	173.3	140.5	149.2	146.1	197.5	185.2	168.1	190.9	189.1	
1943 - March	187.4	145.3	170.3	163.2	205.3	219.8	235.0	208.1	215.8	
April	185.2	176.8	169.1	173.8	196.5	190.4	210.6	178.1	174.5	
May	186.8	193.6	171.0	167.6	206.3	208.8	202.3	238.0	161.2	
June	187.7	198.7	170.6	166.6	208.7	216.6	226.4	218.6	196.0	
July	183.1	168.5	155.2	139.3	214.5	212.2	213.5	210.9	200.3	
August	171.7	179.4	157.0	126.0	199.5	208.4	205.7	212.7	204.2	
September	180.6	190.6	171.1	166.8	193.5	228.1	244.9	222.1	214.2	
October	174.6	207.8	168.4	153.1	182.0	233.2	252.7	214.7	215.8	
November	175.5	162.0	176.2	153.2	186.4	223.9	229.2	216.7	222.8	
December	147.6	133.7	145.9	152.0	155.4	227.1	233.2	220.3	231.9	
1944 - January	151.3	144.5	154.6	129.9	170.5	180.0	168.7	179.9	182.0	
February	173.3	140.5	149.2	146.1	197.5	185.2	168.1	190.9	189.1	



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, MARCH, 1944  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The dollar volume of wholesale trading in Canada averaged 9 per cent higher in March of this year than last, according to statements received from approximately 300 wholesale houses representing nine different trades. The 9 per cent increase is smaller than the 14 and 12 per cent gains recorded in the February and January monthly comparisons. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939 = 100, stands at 189.7 for March, 1944, 166.3 for February, and 173.4 for March, 1943. Cumulative sales for the first quarter of the year increased 11 per cent over the same period of last year.

An increase in trading activity was prevalent in each of the economic divisions of the country, but the expansion of sales varied from 2 per cent in British Columbia to 17 per cent in the Maritime Provinces. Gains recorded by regions are as follows: Maritimes, 17 per cent; Quebec, 4 per cent; Ontario, 11 per cent; Prairies, 13 per cent; British Columbia, 2 per cent.

The automotive equipment trade, maintaining the high level of trading witnessed in previous monthly comparisons, registered an increase of 34 per cent over March, 1943. Dollar sales advanced 13 per cent in the grocery trade while a gain of 10 per cent was reported by the fruit and vegetable trade. The drug trade transacted 7 per cent more business, sales were 6 per cent higher for the dry goods trade, and the hardware trade realized a 4 per cent gain. Minor increases of 3 and 2 per cent were reported by the clothing and tobacco and confectionery trades respectively. Sales transacted by footwear wholesalers declined by 5 per cent.

Wholesalers valued their stock on hand at the end of March 7 per cent higher than on the same date last year, increases ranging from 4 per cent in the footwear trade to 16 per cent in the grocery and fruits and vegetables trades. Dry goods inventories declined by 4 per cent while the clothing trade reported an 11 per cent decrease in stocks.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales		Year-to-date, 1944 Year-to-date, 1943	INVENTORY March, 1944 March, 1943
	(1) February, 1944 February, 1943	(2) March, 1944 March, 1943		
Automotive Equipment .....	+41.0	+33.7	+36.1	+ 9.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+58.3	+20.5		
Ontario .....	+34.4	+23.5		
Western Provinces .....	+41.5	+46.4		
Drugs .....	+13.1	+ 7.2	- 7.8	+11.5
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ....	+11.3	+ 7.9		
Western Provinces .....	+19.2	+ 5.0		
Clothing .....	+ 3.5	+ 2.6	+ 7.9	-11.2
Quebec .....	- 3.9	+11.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces ....	+ 8.1	- 3.5		
Footwear .....	-11.9	- 4.8	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Quebec .....	-15.2	-22.2		
Ontario .....	- 8.3	+17.2		
Dry Goods .....	- 0.7	+ 5.8	+ 2.1	- 4.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 2.3	+ 6.3		
Ontario .....	- 7.0	+ 4.5		
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.6	+ 6.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+16.1	+ 9.8	+16.0	+15.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+11.3	- 1.3		
Ontario .....	+10.7	+13.2		
Western Provinces .....	+23.1	+11.7		
Groceries .....	+15.0	+12.8	+12.3	+16.3
Maritimes .....	+18.6	+19.7		
Quebec .....	+12.2	+10.5		
Ontario .....	+15.4	+12.8		
Prairies .....	+17.1	+10.7		
British Columbia .....	+10.0	+12.6		
Hardware .....	+13.0	+ 4.3	+ 6.5	- 0.1
Maritimes .....	+11.7	+34.8		
Quebec .....	+ 4.9	- 0.1		
Ontario .....	+13.4	+13.8		
Western Provinces .....	+16.4	- 1.1		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+19.2	+ 1.6	+10.8	+15.3
Quebec .....	+17.6	+ 3.3		
Ontario .....	+17.4	+ 0.4		
Western Provinces .....	+24.4	+ 2.4		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+20.0	+17.0		
Quebec .....	+ 7.6	+ 4.2		
Ontario .....	+11.1	+10.6		
Prairies .....	+20.5	+12.6		
British Columbia .....	+11.5	+ 1.5		
CANADA .....	+13.7	+ 9.4	+11.4	+ 6.5

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT								
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces						
March, 1941	125.1	132.7	122.6	131.0	112.1	137.6	124.3	130.4	138.6	108.8						
March, 1942	155.4	160.2	163.3	157.5	138.0	163.1	163.6	216.7	161.9	149.7						
March, 1943	173.4	177.8	173.3	170.1	161.2	191.5	140.7	158.8	127.6	149.6						
March, 1944	189.7	208.0	180.6	188.1	181.5	194.4	188.1	191.4	157.6	219.0						
1943 - April	163.8	177.3	165.2	165.8	150.3	180.6	145.2	126.9	129.3	171.7						
May	163.6	188.0	161.1	167.2	148.8	185.6	153.9	189.8	116.2	191.9						
June	174.3	206.1	161.3	174.1	164.7	206.3	171.9	170.4	139.6	211.5						
July	170.8	203.6	149.0	167.4	174.1	203.3	164.5	170.0	143.7	185.6						
August	171.6	194.2	146.3	163.7	187.2	191.3	191.5	184.8	140.8	240.3						
September	184.8	206.8	178.3	174.4	190.8	196.9	200.8	205.5	165.0	225.6						
October	175.2	207.1	180.5	166.1	170.4	182.3	181.2	208.4	131.3	212.8						
November	170.3	208.6	171.6	162.5	163.6	186.4	168.0	195.3	134.5	195.5						
December	164.3	186.5	159.6	160.1	158.7	183.2	135.6	182.3	118.7	146.2						
1944 - January	156.1	175.6	144.6	158.7	148.3	175.9	175.7	205.3	148.4	203.0						
February	166.3	171.8	158.2	164.5	159.7	188.0	185.7	242.4	148.5	208.9						
March	189.7	208.0	180.6	188.1	181.5	194.4	188.1	191.4	157.6	219.0						
												DRY GOODS				
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces					
					CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA								
March, 1941	131.3	132.5	127.4	127.4	118.4	137.1	130.9	132.2	136.1	121.1						
March, 1942	154.1	153.7	156.4	156.4	173.7	190.6	190.3	194.3	197.1	173.4						
March, 1943	183.1	179.4	196.0	196.0	187.8	199.7	178.9	173.3	174.6	197.0						
March, 1944	196.3	193.6	205.8	205.8	192.7	190.1	189.3	184.2	182.5	210.4						
1943 - April	183.9	183.6	181.7	181.7	172.9	181.1	150.2	150.8	142.8	155.6						
May	171.7	171.9	170.1	170.1	134.1	142.0	149.0	144.2	159.6	141.3						
June	172.0	170.0	177.5	177.5	145.5	166.1	141.1	145.9	130.8	147.9						
July	175.6	172.4	184.5	184.5	121.5	145.0	121.1	100.5	117.7	173.1						
August	171.0	169.2	175.4	175.4	168.5	177.7	147.8	129.5	154.5	171.3						
September	195.8	198.4	194.5	194.5	191.9	198.6	165.0	164.5	164.2	164.8						
October	210.5	212.6	202.0	202.0	169.9	193.1	157.3	154.9	155.4	166.8						
November	198.4	197.1	203.6	203.6	162.8	186.7	135.8	137.1	142.5	141.6						
December	185.7	191.0	167.5	167.5	103.5	176.2	113.5	106.6	109.8	119.8						
1944 - January	193.9	195.5	190.0	190.0	185.4	201.6	187.0	163.2	206.0	211.1						
February	192.7	192.0	197.8	197.8	189.4	179.2	170.5	167.7	177.6	168.1						
March	196.3	193.6	205.8	205.8	192.7	190.1	189.3	184.2	182.5	210.4						

**DRY GOODS**



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1915 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES							FRUITS AND VEGETABLES		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Western Provinces
March, 1941	117.1	134.9	92.9	119.6	112.0	129.5	117.7	151.1	150.1	97.6
March, 1942	141.2	159.8	133.4	138.7	130.8	153.8	143.6	160.5	161.0	117.8
March, 1943	153.3	182.3	140.9	146.0	142.7	160.2	156.2	192.0	201.4	166.9
March, 1944	172.0	218.2	155.7	176.0	158.7	180.4	215.4	159.5	216.0	208.8
1943 - April	143.4	174.6	143.1	148.6	123.4	147.2	206.7	198.0	201.9	191.7
May	143.1	182.2	144.9	146.7	126.1	147.3	208.9	194.9	199.3	194.4
June	162.0	198.7	141.6	165.1	148.0	179.0	212.8	226.7	220.0	208.3
July	168.4	224.5	146.0	163.7	148.2	156.9	233.5	205.9	221.8	261.0
August	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	218.7	134.9	192.2	238.8
September	168.1	200.9	157.5	162.7	162.5	171.1	221.0	194.2	172.5	273.3
October	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	200.9	171.7	177.9	252.1
November	156.2	211.3	132.4	158.2	136.2	153.8	197.6	189.9	190.1	213.6
December	155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	235.1	198.5	216.1	262.1
1944 - January	158.7	180.8	110.5	136.2	174.9	148.9	171.2	166.8	194.8	165.8
February	148.9	173.0	122.1	149.7	115.1	142.7	130.1	166.4	172.8	173.9
March	172.9	219.2	156.7	176.0	218.0	190.4	215.4	182.6	220.0	238.8

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
March, 1941	142.2	117.0	141.3	154.2	139.3	135.5	140.0	137.0	123.4	
March, 1942	170.9	161.9	173.4	182.1	177.1	184.7	164.8	151.6	142.7	
March, 1943	187.4	143.3	170.1	185.1	205.7	219.8	195.0	203.1	215.8	
March, 1944	197.3	193.2	170.1	187.1	206.0	231.3	242.8	208.9	221.0	
1943 - April	185.2	176.8	169.1	173.6	196.5	190.4	210.6	178.1	174.5	
May	186.2	193.6	171.0	167.5	206.3	206.8	202.3	238.0	181.2	
June	187.7	198.7	170.6	166.6	208.7	216.6	226.4	218.6	196.0	
July	183.1	168.6	155.2	139.3	214.5	212.2	213.5	210.9	200.3	
August	171.7	179.4	167.9	156.9	199.5	208.4	205.7	212.7	204.2	
September	180.6	190.6	171.1	166.8	193.5	228.1	244.9	232.1	214.2	
October	174.6	207.2	168.4	153.2	182.0	233.2	252.7	214.7	215.8	
November	175.6	162.0	176.2	153.2	186.4	223.9	239.2	216.7	222.8	
December	147.4	173.7	145.9	152.0	155.1	227.1	233.2	220.3	231.9	
1944 - January	151.2	144.5	151.6	129.9	170.5	180.0	162.2	179.9	182.0	
February	172.3	185.6	149.2	146.1	203.0	185.2	162.3	181.4	189.1	
March	195.3	193.2	170.1	189.7	203.0	223.3	242.8	208.9	221.0	

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, APRIL, 1944  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Statements received from some 300 of the larger wholesale trading establishments in Canada indicate that the dollar volume of sales during April, 1944 increased 5 per cent over the value of business transacted in April, 1943. The 5 per cent increase is smaller than results registered in the March and February comparisons when sales increased by 9 and 14 per cent respectively. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939 = 100, stands at 171.5 for April, 1944; 189.0 for March, 1944; and 163.8 for April, 1943. Sales for the first four months of 1944 averaged 10 per cent higher than for the similar period of 1943.

The automotive equipment trade came first in point of view of increased trading activity, recording a gain of 27 per cent. The tobacco and confectionery trade was up 12 per cent over April last year, while an increase of 8 per cent was recorded by the dry goods trade. Grocery wholesalers reported a 6 per cent increase in sales. Minor gains of 3 and 4 per cent were recorded by the fruits and vegetables and drug trades respectively.

Three of the nine trades reported declines in dollar sales. The volume of merchandise sold by hardware wholesalers decreased 4 per cent below April, 1943. Dollar sales of footwear wholesalers decreased 6 per cent; a decline of 13 per cent was reported by the clothing trade.

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers on April 30, 1944 were valued 7 per cent higher than on the same date last year. The 7 per cent increase in inventories conforms with the 9 per cent gain witnessed in March, and is greater than the results recorded in the February and January comparisons. Increased stock holdings ranged from 4 per cent for the hardware trade to 19 per cent for the footwear trade. The tobacco and confectionery, dry goods and clothing trades reported declines in inventories ranging from 3 to 7 per cent.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-	
	March,	April,	date, 1944	April, 1944
	1944	1944	Year-to-	April, 1943
	March,	April,	date, 1943	
	1943	1943		
Automotive Equipment .....	+33.6	+27.2	+33.7	+11.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+21.6	+43.9		
Ontario .....	+23.5	+ 6.8		
Western Provinces .....	+46.4	+37.7		
Drugs .....	+ 7.7	+ 4.0	+ 9.5	+10.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ...	+ 8.6	+ 3.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.0	+ 4.3		
Clothing .....	+ 2.2	-13.1	+ 2.6	- 6.9
Quebec .....	+11.8	- 8.9		
Ontario and Western Provinces ...	- 2.6	-15.9		
Footwear .....	- 4.8	- 5.5	- 1.0	+19.2
Quebec .....	-22.2	+ 2.1		
Ontario .....	+17.2	-13.1		
Dry Goods .....	+ 7.0	+ 8.2	+ 5.4	- 4.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 8.9	+ 7.8		
Ontario .....	+ 5.2	+ 2.0		
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.8	+17.4		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 9.9	+ 2.7	+12.1	+ 4.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 0.6	- 8.2		
Ontario .....	+12.8	+ 0.8		
Western Provinces .....	+11.7	+ 9.2		
Groceries .....	+11.8	+ 6.1	+10.4	+14.6
Maritimes .....	+19.7	+ 6.0		
Quebec .....	+ 6.7	- 4.4		
Ontario .....	+12.7	+ 6.2		
Prairies .....	+10.0	+10.6		
British Columbia .....	+12.6	+ 9.4		
Hardware .....	+ 3.9	- 3.6	+ 3.6	+ 4.2
Maritimes .....	+34.8	+12.9		
Quebec .....	- 0.1	-11.1		
Ontario .....	+13.4	- 9.4		
Western Provinces .....	- 0.6	+ 0.8		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 2.0	+11.5	+11.1	- 3.3
Quebec .....	+ 3.3	+ 3.6		
Ontario .....	+ 1.2	+14.3		
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.4	+13.6		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+17.4	+ 9.2		
Quebec .....	+ 4.3	- 2.3		
Ontario .....	+10.5	+ 2.0		
Prairies .....	+12.3	+11.9		
British Columbia .....	+ 1.5	+ 4.9		
CANADA .....	+ 9.0	+ 4.7	+ 9.5	+ 7.0

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(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1941	141.6	149.9	140.5	146.8	130.1	152.3	161.6	166.0	171.8	150.8
April, 1942	154.5	163.7	158.3	158.4	140.1	166.5	154.3	154.9	153.9	156.5
April, 1943	163.8	177.3	165.2	165.8	150.3	180.6	145.2	126.9	129.3	171.7
April, 1944	171.5	193.6	161.4	169.1	168.2	189.4	184.7	182.6	138.1	236.4
1942 - May	163.6	188.0	161.1	167.2	148.8	185.6	153.9	189.8	116.2	191.9
June	174.3	206.1	161.2	174.1	164.7	206.3	171.9	170.4	139.6	211.5
July	170.8	203.6	149.0	167.4	174.1	203.3	164.5	170.0	143.7	185.6
August	171.6	194.2	146.3	163.7	187.2	191.3	191.5	184.8	140.8	240.3
September	184.8	206.8	178.3	174.4	190.8	196.9	200.8	205.5	165.0	225.6
October	175.2	207.1	180.5	166.1	170.4	182.3	181.2	208.4	131.3	212.8
November	170.3	208.6	171.6	162.5	163.6	186.4	168.0	195.3	134.5	195.5
December	164.3	186.5	159.6	160.1	158.7	183.2	135.6	182.3	118.7	146.2
1944 - January	156.1	175.6	144.6	158.7	148.3	175.9	175.7	205.3	148.4	203.0
February	165.9	171.7	158.0	164.5	159.7	188.0	185.7	242.4	148.5	208.9
March	189.0	208.7	180.8	188.0	181.0	194.4	188.0	193.1	157.6	219.0
April	171.5	193.6	161.4	169.1	168.2	189.4	184.7	182.6	138.1	236.4
Year and Month	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR						DRUGS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1941	141.9	143.7	134.0	138.7	177.4	177.4	139.0	149.1	139.2	117.3
April, 1942	175.1	175.5	171.1	167.5	196.2	196.2	179.9	198.9	179.6	142.5
April, 1943	183.9	183.6	181.7	172.9	181.1	181.1	150.2	150.8	142.8	155.6
April, 1944	191.3	190.6	189.5	150.3	171.1	171.1	162.5	162.6	145.7	182.7
1942 - May	171.7	171.9	170.1	134.1	142.0	142.0	149.0	144.2	159.6	141.3
June	172.0	170.0	177.5	145.5	166.1	166.1	141.1	145.9	130.8	147.9
July	175.6	172.4	184.5	121.5	145.0	145.0	121.1	100.5	117.7	173.1
August	171.0	169.2	175.4	168.5	177.7	177.7	147.8	129.5	154.5	171.3
September	195.8	198.4	194.5	191.9	198.6	198.6	165.0	164.5	164.2	164.8
October	210.5	212.6	202.0	169.9	193.1	193.1	157.3	154.9	155.4	166.8
November	198.4	197.1	203.6	162.8	186.7	186.7	135.8	137.1	142.5	141.6
December	185.7	191.0	167.5	103.5	176.2	176.2	113.5	106.6	109.8	119.8
1944 - January	193.9	195.5	190.0	185.4	201.6	201.6	187.0	163.2	206.0	211.1
February	192.6	191.8	197.8	189.4	179.2	179.2	171.2	168.7	177.6	168.1
March	197.2	194.8	205.8	191.9	190.1	190.1	191.4	188.7	183.7	210.4
April	191.2	190.6	189.5	150.3	171.1	171.1	162.5	162.6	145.7	182.7

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Year and Month	GROCERIES							FRUITS AND VEGETABLES		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1941	132.4	143.9	120.2	129.6	129.6	147.2	134.6	128.9	150.3	114.1
April, 1942	135.0	153.0	123.7	129.9	121.7	150.1	153.2	154.0	170.4	126.3
April, 1943	143.4	174.6	143.1	148.6	123.4	147.2	206.7	198.0	205.8	191.7
April, 1944	152.1	185.1	136.8	157.8	136.5	161.0	212.3	181.8	207.4	209.3
1943 - May	143.1	182.2	144.9	146.7	126.1	147.3	208.9	224.9	199.3	194.4
June	162.0	198.7	144.6	165.1	148.0	179.0	218.8	228.7	220.0	208.3
July	158.4	194.5	146.0	163.7	146.2	156.9	233.5	205.8	223.8	261.0
August	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	218.7	134.9	192.2	298.8
September	168.1	200.9	157.5	162.7	163.5	174.1	221.0	194.2	172.5	273.3
October	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	208.9	171.7	177.9	252.1
November	156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	197.2	189.9	190.1	213.6
December	155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	235.1	198.5	216.1	262.1
1944 - January	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	171.8	156.8	174.8	163.8
February	148.9	173.0	133.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	180.5	186.4	178.8	173.9
March	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	215.6	193.2	227.2	208.8
April	152.1	185.1	136.8	157.8	136.5	161.0	212.3	181.8	207.4	209.3

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1941	166.0	159.4	163.5	180.0	159.9	151.6	166.6	149.5	128.5
April, 1942	184.3	184.7	183.6	188.1	181.3	163.4	173.8	160.9	146.0
April, 1943	185.2	176.8	169.1	173.8	196.5	190.4	210.6	178.1	174.5
April, 1944	178.5	199.6	150.3	157.5	198.1	212.3	218.2	203.6	198.2
1943 - May	186.8	193.6	171.0	167.6	206.3	208.8	202.3	238.0	161.2
June	187.7	198.7	170.6	166.6	208.7	216.6	226.4	218.6	196.0
July	183.1	168.6	155.2	139.3	214.5	212.2	213.5	210.9	200.3
August	174.7	179.4	157.0	126.0	199.5	208.4	205.7	212.7	204.2
September	180.6	190.6	171.1	166.8	193.5	228.1	244.9	222.1	214.2
October	174.6	207.8	168.4	153.1	182.0	233.2	252.7	214.7	215.8
November	175.5	162.0	176.2	153.2	186.4	223.9	229.2	216.7	222.8
December	147.6	133.7	145.9	132.0	155.4	227.1	233.2	220.3	231.9
1944 - January	151.3	144.5	154.6	129.9	170.5	180.0	169.2	179.9	182.0
February	176.3	135.5	149.2	146.1	203.5	185.2	168.3	191.4	189.1
March	194.7	193.2	170.1	185.1	204.1	224.2	242.8	210.6	221.0
April	178.5	199.6	150.3	157.5	198.1	212.3	218.2	203.6	198.2



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, MAY, 1944  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The dollar volume of wholesale sales transacted in Canada during May of this year increased 19 per cent over the level of trading in May, 1943, according to the available data received from approximately 300 of the larger wholesale trading establishments representing nine lines of business. The 19 per cent gain is considerably greater than increases recorded for the first four months of the year, and may be attributed, in part, to the low standard of trading witnessed in May of last year. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 193.9 for May, 1944; 171.2 for April, 1944; and 163.6 for May, 1943. Cumulative figures for the first five months of the current year stand 11 per cent above the corresponding period a year ago.

The 19 per cent increase reflects an active trading market in each of the nine trades under survey. Moreover, the augmented level of trading was shared by each of the economic divisions of the country. Gains recorded on a regional basis are as follows: Maritime Provinces, 24 per cent; Quebec, 12 per cent; Ontario, 17 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 25 per cent; British Columbia, 17 per cent.

The footwear trade, which had reported a decline in sales in the three previous month comparisons, registered a gain of 35 per cent over May, 1943. Automotive equipment sales increased 29 per cent. The fruits and vegetables and the tobacco and confectionery trades each reported an increase of 22 per cent, grocery sales were up 21 per cent, while the drug trade recorded a 19 per cent gain. Sales transacted by clothing wholesalers advanced 12 per cent, the dry goods trade reported a gain of 11 per cent, and hardware sales were up 8 per cent.

Merchandise in the hands of wholesalers at the end of May was valued 7 per cent higher than inventories reported on hand on May 31, 1943. With the exception of the hardware trade, all lines of business reported an increase in inventories, stocks being valued from 3 per cent higher in the tobacco and confectionery trade to 18 per cent in the drug trade. The hardware trade reported a 4 per cent decline in stock holdings.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales		Year-to-date, 1944 Year-to-date, 1943	INVENTORY May, 1944 May, 1943
	(1) April, 1944 April, 1943	(2) May, 1944 May, 1943		
Automotive Equipment .....	+27.4	+28.7	+32.7	+ 3.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+43.9	+40.0		
Ontario .....	+ 9.7	+36.3		
Western Provinces .....	+37.7	+20.5		
Drugs .....	+ 4.5	+18.9	+11.5	+18.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ..	+ 4.6	+21.1		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.3	+11.9		
Clothing .....	-13.1	+11.9	+ 4.1	+17.3
Quebec .....	- 8.9	+19.0		
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	-15.9	+ 6.5		
Footwear .....	- 5.5	+34.7	+ 4.7	+ 8.7
Quebec .....	+ 2.1	+55.9		
Ontario .....	-13.1	+12.9		
Dry Goods .....	+ 9.5	+10.5	+ 6.5	+ 4.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 9.0	+10.0		
Ontario .....	+ 4.4	+ 7.2		
Western Provinces .....	+17.6	+16.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 2.6	+21.5	+14.2	+15.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 8.2	+11.7		
Ontario .....	+ 0.6	+22.3		
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.2	+25.7		
Groceries .....	+ 5.7	+20.9	+12.5	+15.3
Maritimes .....	+ 5.8	+19.2		
Quebec .....	- 5.0	+ 9.0		
Ontario .....	+ 5.8	+18.3		
Prairies .....	+10.6	+27.7		
British Columbia .....	+ 9.4	+29.2		
Hardware .....	- 3.8	+ 8.3	+ 4.6	- 3.6
Maritimes .....	+12.9	+14.3		
Quebec .....	-11.1	+ 7.2		
Ontario .....	- 8.5	+11.4		
Western Provinces .....	- 0.8	+ 6.7		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+11.2	+22.3	+13.5	+ 3.0
Quebec .....	+ 3.6	+16.0		
Ontario .....	+13.3	+18.4		
Western Provinces .....	+13.6	+38.4		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 9.4	+23.5		
Quebec .....	- 2.4	+11.9		
Ontario .....	+ 2.4	+17.1		
Prairies .....	+11.9	+24.9		
British Columbia .....	+ 3.1	+16.5		
CANADA .....	+ 4.5	+18.5	+11.3	+ 6.9

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(2) Preliminary.



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(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1941	148.6	156.2	148.4	156.6	134.6	160.9	160.8	181.4	168.1	149.3
May, 1942	158.7	177.9	164.1	163.6	140.1	173.5	133.8	143.9	132.3	135.4
May, 1943	163.6	188.0	161.1	167.2	148.8	185.6	153.9	189.8	116.2	191.9
May, 1944	193.9	232.2	180.3	195.8	185.9	216.2	198.1	265.7	158.4	231.2
1943 - June	174.3	206.1	161.3	174.1	164.7	206.3	171.9	170.4	139.6	211.5
July	170.8	203.6	149.0	167.4	174.1	203.3	164.5	170.0	143.7	185.6
August	171.6	194.2	146.3	163.7	187.2	191.3	191.5	184.8	140.8	240.3
September	184.8	206.8	178.3	174.4	190.8	196.9	200.8	205.5	165.0	225.6
October	175.2	207.1	180.5	166.1	170.4	182.3	181.2	208.4	131.3	212.8
November	170.3	208.6	171.6	162.5	163.6	186.4	168.0	195.3	134.5	195.5
December	164.3	186.5	159.6	160.1	158.7	183.2	135.6	182.3	118.7	146.2
1944 - January	156.1	175.6	144.6	158.7	148.3	175.9	175.7	205.3	148.4	203.0
February	165.9	171.7	158.0	164.5	159.7	188.0	185.7	242.4	148.5	208.9
March	189.0	208.7	180.8	188.0	181.0	194.4	188.0	193.1	157.6	219.0
April	171.2	194.0	161.2	169.8	168.2	186.2	185.0	182.6	141.8	236.4
May	193.9	232.2	180.3	195.8	185.9	216.2	198.1	265.7	158.4	251.2

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1941	140.6	141.1	138.6	134.9	139.4	142.9	142.9	149.9	153.1	114.0
May, 1942	155.1	155.6	152.6	162.3	168.3	170.1	170.1	170.7	187.5	142.4
May, 1943	171.7	171.9	170.1	134.1	142.0	149.0	149.0	144.2	159.6	141.3
May, 1944	204.2	208.2	190.3	150.1	191.3	164.6	164.6	158.6	171.1	165.0
1943 - June	172.0	170.0	177.5	145.5	166.1	141.1	141.1	145.9	130.8	147.9
July	175.6	172.4	184.5	121.5	145.0	121.1	121.1	100.5	117.7	173.1
August	171.0	169.2	175.4	168.5	177.7	147.8	147.8	129.5	154.5	171.3
September	195.8	198.4	194.5	191.9	198.6	165.0	165.0	164.5	164.2	164.8
October	210.5	212.6	202.0	169.9	193.1	157.3	157.3	154.9	155.4	166.8
November	198.4	197.1	203.6	162.8	186.7	135.8	135.8	137.1	142.5	141.6
December	185.7	191.0	167.5	103.5	176.2	113.5	113.5	106.6	109.8	119.8
1944 - January	193.9	195.5	190.0	185.4	201.6	187.0	187.0	163.2	206.0	211.1
February	192.6	191.8	197.8	189.4	179.2	171.2	171.2	168.7	177.6	168.1
March	197.2	194.8	205.8	191.9	190.1	191.4	191.4	188.7	183.7	210.4
April	192.2	192.0	189.5	150.3	171.1	164.5	164.5	164.4	149.1	183.0
May	204.2	208.2	190.3	150.1	191.3	164.6	164.6	158.6	171.1	165.0

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Year and Month		GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
		CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1941	.....	137.1	149.7	135.5	134.4	150.8	157.1	160.5	165.9	184.9	130.8
May, 1942	.....	142.2	176.0	141.2	135.6	132.9	161.0	184.4	202.1	209.1	146.8
May, 1943	.....	143.1	182.2	144.9	146.7	126.1	147.3	208.9	224.9	199.3	194.4
May, 1944	.....	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	253.8	251.2	243.7	244.4
1943 - June	....	162.0	198.7	144.6	165.1	148.0	179.0	218.8	228.7	220.0	208.3
July	....	158.4	194.5	146.0	163.7	146.2	156.9	233.5	205.8	223.8	261.0
August	..	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	218.7	134.9	192.2	298.8
September	..	168.1	200.9	157.5	162.7	163.5	174.1	221.0	194.2	172.5	273.3
October	.	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	208.9	171.7	177.9	252.1
November		156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	197.2	189.9	190.1	213.6
December		155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	235.1	198.5	216.1	262.1
1944 - January	.	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	171.8	156.8	174.8	163.8
February	.	148.9	173.0	133.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	180.5	186.4	178.8	173.9
March	...	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	215.4	193.2	226.6	208.8
April	....	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	212.1	181.8	207.0	209.3
May	.....	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	253.8	251.2	243.7	244.4

Year and Month		HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
		CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1941	.....	175.9	164.9	174.6	195.1	172.1	161.5	177.5	159.8	138.7
May, 1942	.....	180.8	178.1	183.9	186.9	180.5	178.3	199.5	174.2	152.8
May, 1943	.....	186.8	193.6	171.0	167.6	206.3	208.8	202.3	238.0	161.2
May, 1944	.....	202.3	221.3	183.3	186.7	220.1	255.4	234.7	281.8	223.1
1943 - June	....	187.7	198.7	170.6	166.6	208.7	216.6	226.4	218.6	196.0
July	....	183.1	168.6	155.2	139.3	214.5	212.2	213.5	210.9	200.3
August	..	174.7	179.4	157.0	126.0	199.5	208.4	205.7	212.7	204.2
September	..	180.6	190.6	171.1	166.8	193.5	228.1	244.9	222.1	214.2
October	.	174.6	207.8	168.4	153.1	182.0	233.2	252.7	214.7	215.8
November	.	175.5	162.0	176.2	153.2	186.4	223.9	229.2	216.7	222.8
December	.	147.6	133.7	145.9	132.0	155.4	227.1	233.2	220.3	231.9
1944 - January	.	151.3	144.5	154.6	129.9	170.5	180.0	169.2	179.9	182.0
February	.	176.3	135.5	149.2	146.1	203.5	185.2	168.3	191.4	189.1
March	...	194.7	193.2	170.1	185.6	204.1	224.2	242.3	210.4	221.0
April	....	178.2	199.6	150.3	159.0	194.9	211.7	218.2	201.8	198.2
May	.....	202.3	221.3	183.3	186.7	220.1	255.4	234.7	281.8	223.1



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JUNE, 1944  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Measured by dollar volume, June wholesale sales were 9 per cent higher than the sales transacted in June, 1943, according to statements received from approximately 415 of the larger wholesale houses in Canada trading in nine kinds of business. The June increase is smaller than the 18 per cent gain recorded in the May comparison, June sales having declined 2.5 per cent from the May level of trading. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939 = 100, stands at 190.3 for June, 1944; 195.2 for May, 1944; and 175.4 for June, 1943. Aggregate figures for the first half of the current year increased 11 per cent over the January-June period of last year. It will be noted that the number of reporting firms included in these surveys of wholesale sales has been increased from 300 to 415, and index numbers from the beginning of 1942 have been revised to reflect the more representative coverage.

A minor decrease of 2 per cent of sales in British Columbia, together with gains of 8 per cent in the Maritimes and Ontario and 12 per cent in Quebec and the Prairies, combined to record the overall increase of 9 per cent in June sales for Canada. Results varied greatly for the individual trades. Increases in sales volumes were greatest in the automotive equipment and footwear trades where gains of 21 per cent were recorded. Sales transacted by the tobacco and confectionery trade were 14 per cent higher, while the grocery and dry goods trades each reported an increase of 10 per cent. Drug wholesalers recorded a gain of 6 per cent; fruit and vegetable sales were up 5 per cent and hardware sales advanced by 4 per cent. The clothing trade, however, experienced a decline of 10 per cent in sales from the turnover prevailing in June, 1943.

Inventories in the hands of wholesalers at the end of June were valued 7 per cent higher than the stocks held on the corresponding date of last year. The clothing trade, while experiencing a decline in sales, held 24 per cent more merchandise at the end of June of this year than last. Gains in stock holdings reported by the other trades are as follows: fruits and vegetables, 18 per cent; groceries, 15 per cent; drugs, 12 per cent; automotive equipment, 7 per cent; dry goods, 5 per cent. Hardware inventories were unchanged from the level reported for June 30, 1943, while tobacco and confectionery, and footwear stocks declined by 3 and 6 per cent, respectively.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales		Year-to-date, 1944 Year-to-date, 1943	INVENTORY June, 1944 June, 1943
	(1) May, 1944 May, 1943	(2) June, 1944 June, 1943		
Automotive Equipment .....	+28.5	+21.1	+30.2	+ 7.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+36.5	+31.9		
Ontario .....	+36.0	+16.1		
Western Provinces .....	+20.5	+21.6		
Drugs .....	+18.5	+ 6.0	+10.6	+12.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+20.5	+ 5.6		
Western Provinces .....	+11.9	+ 7.1		
Clothing .....	+12.4	- 9.6	+ 2.9	+24.3
Quebec .....	+19.0	- 9.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 8.1	- 9.8		
Footwear .....	+34.7	+21.2	+ 9.5	- 6.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+55.9	+23.0		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+12.9	+19.6		
Dry Goods .....	+10.0	+ 9.9	+ 6.9	+ 4.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 8.8	+14.5		
Ontario .....	+ 7.2	+ 2.3		
Western Provinces .....	+16.8	+ 9.2		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+22.3	+ 4.9	+11.2	+17.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+14.5	+ 1.5		
Ontario .....	+23.0	- 1.8		
Western Provinces .....	+25.7	+12.1		
Groceries .....	+20.8	+ 9.6	+11.9	+15.1
Maritimes .....	+19.2	+11.3		
Quebec .....	+ 8.6	+ 9.1		
Ontario .....	+18.3	+11.3		
Prairies .....	+27.7	+10.6		
British Columbia .....	+29.2	+ 3.4		
Hardware .....	+ 6.0	+ 4.2	+ 4.6	- 0.7
Maritimes .....	+14.3	+ 7.2		
Quebec .....	+ 7.2	+20.6		
Ontario .....	+11.4	+10.9		
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.6	- 3.9		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+22.9	+14.3	- 2.9	- 2.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+16.6	+15.0		
Ontario .....	+18.4	+12.4		
Western Provinces .....	+39.4	+17.4		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+23.5	+ 8.3		
Quebec .....	+12.0	+12.1		
Ontario .....	+17.3	+ 8.3		
Prairies .....	+25.0	+11.5		
British Columbia .....	+12.6	- 1.5		
CANADA .....	+18.0	+ 8.5	+10.8	+ 6.8

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1941 .....	140.6	148.3	141.8	147.1	128.0	148.0	160.2	165.1	159.3	160.4
June, 1942 .....	167.5	192.0	170.4	174.5	142.8	188.3	124.3	142.2	123.9	118.1
June, 1943 .....	175.4	208.7	162.2	176.1	164.5	209.2	167.9	171.5	144.6	194.3
June, 1944 .....	190.3	226.0	181.8	190.7	183.4	206.1	203.3	226.2	167.9	236.3
1943 - July .....	173.2	211.2	150.0	168.9	177.2	206.6	162.2	165.6	148.5	175.0
August .....	173.4	197.6	146.9	164.8	189.1	195.1	186.0	183.5	142.4	226.3
September ..	186.2	211.2	179.1	177.6	190.1	200.9	199.2	201.2	172.3	215.0
October ..	176.5	211.0	180.2	167.8	170.2	187.5	182.4	209.9	143.2	199.2
November ..	172.2	212.7	173.1	164.5	165.3	190.4	169.4	190.0	144.2	187.4
December ..	164.1	189.9	155.7	160.4	158.3	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5	146.4
1944 - January ..	159.5	176.8	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0
February ..	168.8	174.9	164.6	166.0	161.8	191.4	183.7	199.4	159.2	198.0
March .....	190.9	214.2	185.9	191.3	180.8	205.3	183.3	179.9	163.2	205.5
April .....	173.0	201.5	162.6	172.3	168.3	189.2	178.2	173.6	145.8	216.4
May .....	195.2	238.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5	215.9
June .....	190.3	226.0	181.8	190.7	183.4	206.1	203.3	226.2	167.9	236.3

Year and Month	DRUGS						CLOTHING FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1941 .....	133.2	134.4	128.5	113.7	114.7	129.1	140.6	136.2	140.6	136.2	97.3	140.6	136.2	97.3
June, 1942 .....	158.8	159.5	155.0	154.6	130.6	162.3	175.2	168.1	175.2	168.1	129.0	175.2	168.1	129.0
June, 1943 .....	174.0	171.0	180.9	161.4	157.6	141.7	148.9	130.8	148.9	130.8	141.5	148.9	130.8	141.5
June, 1944 .....	184.4	180.6	193.7	145.9	191.0	155.7	170.5	133.8	170.5	133.8	154.5	170.5	133.8	154.5
1943 - July .....	178.0	174.4	187.3	146.1	130.7	124.8	101.0	116.6	101.0	116.6	187.9	101.0	116.6	187.9
August .....	173.1	170.3	179.3	194.8	174.3	148.5	127.6	153.9	127.6	153.9	177.9	127.6	153.9	177.9
September ..	197.9	199.2	200.3	209.3	199.1	166.4	168.8	163.3	168.8	163.3	162.6	168.8	163.3	162.6
October ..	207.8	207.0	208.0	184.4	188.2	154.4	151.3	154.2	151.3	154.2	162.1	151.3	154.2	162.1
November ..	200.5	199.4	203.5	173.2	174.2	138.6	135.1	140.7	135.1	140.7	156.3	135.1	140.7	156.3
December ..	189.2	192.4	180.6	113.0	173.4	105.0	91.8	109.0	91.8	109.0	121.3	91.8	109.0	121.3
1944 - January ..	197.9	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	187.8	165.4	204.6	165.4	204.6	209.8	165.4	204.6	209.8
February ..	195.4	193.1	204.4	222.5	186.8	174.3	175.6	175.9	175.6	175.9	168.1	175.6	175.9	168.1
March .....	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	192.6	191.4	182.4	191.4	182.4	209.0	191.4	182.4	209.0
April .....	193.0	191.6	192.4	172.6	178.4	164.5	165.0	148.6	165.0	148.6	179.3	165.0	148.6	179.3
May .....	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.2	195.2	165.7	162.7	170.6	162.7	170.6	162.2	162.7	170.6	162.2
June .....	184.4	180.6	193.7	145.9	191.0	155.7	170.5	133.8	170.5	133.8	154.5	170.5	133.8	154.5

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN CANADA

Average 1937 = 100

Year and Month	COUNTRIES						
	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	British Columbia	Manitoba & Quebec	Provinces
June 1941	152.3	142.5	132.2	130.8	133.5	136.3	135.5
June 1942	153.3	154.8	141.9	140.0	139.1	143.2	139.4
June 1943	152.2	146.7	144.5	140.1	144.0	144.1	139.4
June 1944	177.6	217.5	157.3	153.3	153.2	150.1	142.7
1942 - July	158.4	144.5	146.0	135.7	143.2	136.8	135.7
August	155.4	139.7	142.5	136.8	145.3	145.7	137.2
September	162.1	200.9	157.5	162.7	163.5	174.1	179.6
October	152.4	217.1	138.4	154.4	151.3	153.3	161.7
November	156.6	211.5	152.4	154.8	156.3	162.1	145.7
December	153.6	193.3	143.8	158.2	144.0	154.1	140.1
1944 - January	153.2	180.4	140.5	136.4	142.9	148.9	162.3
February	148.9	173.8	135.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	148.9
March	171.4	218.2	130.5	173.8	157.0	180.4	214.5
April	151.6	184.7	135.5	157.2	156.5	161.0	201.5
May	173.0	217.2	157.9	175.0	161.3	181.1	274.7
June	177.6	217.5	157.9	182.2	163.7	185.1	249.2

## TOTAL AND COMPOSITE

Year and Month	COUNTRIES						
	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	Manitoba & Quebec	Provinces
June 1941	156.5	156.0	141.5	132.2	138.0	139.5	137.2
June 1942	181.0	181.1	164.1	182.3	180.3	185.0	177.9
June 1943	184.6	190.6	167.0	166.8	208.2	185.3	169.5
June 1944	192.4	204.5	161.4	185.0	200.1	174.0	180.8
1942 - July	179.9	167.0	158.9	139.0	215.1	181.8	172.8
August	174.5	174.5	162.0	125.7	199.5	183.7	160.8
September	181.0	186.9	177.6	168.4	194.5	182.6	181.4
October	173.5	198.8	169.2	153.5	182.5	185.7	177.0
November	176.5	165.4	181.5	153.4	184.3	183.3	185.8
December	147.6	131.5	143.9	132.7	155.7	182.8	182.9
1944 - January	153.1	135.7	139.1	124.5	172.6	185.3	181.7
February	177.0	135.1	149.0	146.8	204.1	183.3	187.8
March	195.7	194.1	175.3	186.0	204.1	184.1	183.9
April	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	183.3	196.3
May	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	185.9	226.7
June	192.4	204.5	201.4	185.0	200.1	185.0	230.8



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(1935-1939 = 100)

July wholesale trading increased 4 per cent over the dollar value of business transacted in July of last year, according to returns received from approximately 415 of the larger wholesale establishments in Canada representing nine kinds of business. The 4 per cent gain is smaller than the 8 per cent and 12 per cent increases recorded in the immediately preceding months of June and May respectively. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 179.6 for July, 1944; 190.0 for June, 1944; and 173.2 for July, 1943. Cumulative sales for the first seven months of the year recorded an increase of 10 per cent over the same period of 1943.

Conforming with the June pattern of trading, British Columbia reported a decline from the 1943 sales position, July sales decreasing by 4 per cent compared with July, 1943. Gains reported in the other economic divisions of the country are as follows: Maritimes, 1 per cent; Quebec, 3 per cent; Ontario, 4 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 8 per cent.

The automotive equipment trade maintained the high level of trading witnessed in earlier month comparisons and recorded a gain of 19 per cent over sales transacted in July, 1943. Dry goods sales were up 7 per cent; the grocery and tobacco and confectionery trades followed with gains of 6 per cent; a minor increase of 2 per cent was experienced by the drug trade. Hardware sales declined by 1 per cent from July last year; sales of fruit and vegetable wholesalers were 2 per cent lower; while the footwear and clothing trades reported decreases of 3 and 5 per cent respectively.

Stocks held by wholesalers at the end of July, 1944, were valued 7 per cent higher than on the same date of last year. The value of tobacco and confectionery inventories was depleted by 12 per cent compared with the month-end stocks of July, 1943. Increases in stock holdings were reported by the other trades, gains ranging from 2 per cent in the hardware trade to 25 per cent in the clothing trade being recorded.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943				
	(1) June, 1944 June, 1943	(2) July, 1944 July, 1943	Year-to- date, 1944 Year-to- date, 1943	INVENTORY July, 1944 July, 1943
Automotive Equipment .....	+19.7	+19.4	+28.3	+12.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+33.3	+27.4		
Ontario .....	+16.1	+ 6.1		
Western Provinces .....	+17.4	+26.6		
Drugs .....	+ 6.2	+ 1.9	+ 9.3	+ 7.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 5.9	+ 0.2		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.1	+ 7.6		
Clothing .....	-10.0	- 5.2	+ 1.9	+25.0
Quebec .....	- 9.3	-11.6		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	-10.4	- 1.7		
Footwear .....	+21.2	- 3.3	+ 8.1	+ 2.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+23.0	- 3.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+19.6	- 3.3		
Dry Goods .....	+10.1	+ 7.2	+ 6.9	+ 7.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+14.9	+ 2.5		
Ontario .....	+ 3.7	+23.1		
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.2	- 1.5		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 3.7	- 1.8	+ 8.8	+ 5.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 0.9	- 3.2		
Ontario .....	- 3.4	- 3.0		
Western Provinces .....	+12.1	- 0.1		
Groceries .....	+ 9.8	+ 6.4	+11.1	+14.7
Maritimes .....	+11.3	+ 6.2		
Quebec .....	+ 8.9	+ 2.9		
Ontario .....	+11.9	+ 5.1		
Prairies .....	+10.6	+12.0		
British Columbia .....	+ 3.4	+ 2.6		
Hardware .....	+ 4.6	- 1.3	+ 3.8	+ 1.6
Maritimes .....	+ 7.2	+ 0.5		
Quebec .....	+19.8	+ 4.5		
Ontario .....	+11.5	+ 6.1		
Western Provinces .....	- 3.9	- 6.1		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+13.9	+ 5.9	+12.9	-11.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+14.7	+ 2.6		
Ontario .....	+12.3	+ 7.0		
Western Provinces .....	+16.2	+ 7.0		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 7.9	+ 0.8		
Quebec .....	+12.2	+ 3.2		
Ontario .....	+ 7.8	+ 4.4		
Prairies .....	+11.3	+ 7.6		
British Columbia .....	- 1.6	- 3.9		
CANADA .....	+ 8.3	+ 3.7	+ 9.7	+ 7.1

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# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

## WHOLESALE TRADE

## AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1941	147.1	170.5	134.8	148.0	146.0	161.7	172.0	184.6	179.6	158.0
July, 1942	155.5	177.8	139.5	152.4	156.5	185.6	127.1	148.8	126.4	118.0
July, 1943	173.2	211.2	150.0	168.9	177.2	206.6	162.2	165.6	148.5	175.0
July, 1944	179.6	212.9	154.8	176.3	190.7	198.5	193.7	211.0	157.6	221.6
1943 - August	173.4	197.6	146.9	164.8	189.1	195.1	186.0	183.5	142.4	226.3
September	186.2	211.2	179.1	177.6	190.1	200.9	199.2	201.2	172.3	215.0
October	176.5	211.0	180.2	167.8	170.2	187.5	182.4	209.9	143.2	199.2
November	172.2	212.7	173.1	164.5	165.3	190.4	169.4	190.0	144.2	187.4
December	164.1	189.9	155.7	160.4	158.3	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5	146.4
1944 - January	159.5	176.8	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0
February	168.8	174.9	164.6	166.0	161.8	191.4	183.7	199.4	159.2	198.0
March	190.9	214.2	185.9	191.3	180.8	205.3	183.3	179.9	163.2	205.5
April	173.0	201.5	162.6	172.3	168.3	189.2	178.2	173.6	145.8	216.4
May	195.2	238.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5	215.9
June	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1
July	179.6	212.9	154.8	176.3	190.7	198.5	193.7	211.0	157.6	221.6

## DRUGS

## CLOTHING

## FOOTWEAR

## DRY GOODS

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1941	140.5	140.1	140.9	103.7	84.8	103.9	103.9	86.0	122.0	116.3
July, 1942	156.4	155.4	158.1	134.2	122.8	124.7	124.7	100.4	133.1	164.8
July, 1943	178.0	174.4	187.3	146.1	130.7	124.8	124.8	101.0	116.6	187.9
July, 1944	181.4	174.7	201.5	138.5	126.4	133.8	133.8	103.5	143.5	185.1
1943 - August	173.1	170.3	179.3	194.8	174.3	148.5	148.5	127.6	153.9	177.9
September	197.9	199.2	200.3	209.3	199.1	166.4	166.4	168.8	163.3	162.6
October	207.8	207.0	208.0	184.4	188.2	154.4	154.4	151.3	154.2	162.1
November	200.5	199.4	203.5	173.2	174.2	138.6	138.6	135.1	140.7	156.3
December	189.2	192.4	180.6	113.0	173.4	105.0	105.0	91.8	109.0	121.3
1944 - January	197.9	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	187.8	187.8	165.4	204.6	209.8
February	195.4	193.1	204.4	222.5	186.8	174.3	174.3	175.6	175.9	168.1
March	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	192.6	192.6	191.4	182.4	209.0
April	193.0	191.6	192.4	172.6	178.4	164.5	164.5	165.0	148.6	179.3
May	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.2	195.2	165.7	165.7	162.7	170.6	162.2
June	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	191.0	156.0	156.0	171.1	135.6	154.5
July	181.4	174.7	201.5	138.5	126.4	133.8	133.8	103.5	143.5	185.1

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA (Average 1935-1939 = 100)

## GROCERIES

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1941	151.0	178.0	155.0	144.2	147.9	144.4	143.7	119.3	156.6	151.2
July, 1942	155.1	173.4	149.0	148.7	154.9	160.1	164.1	141.1	164.6	179.2
July, 1943	158.4	194.6	146.0	163.7	146.2	156.9	233.5	202.8	223.7	261.6
July, 1944	168.5	206.7	150.2	172.0	163.7	161.0	229.3	196.3	217.0	261.3
1943 - August	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	215.7	141.8	189.9	293.3
September	168.1	200.9	157.5	162.7	163.5	174.1	221.2	202.0	179.6	272.3
October	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	151.9	153.2	209.8	181.8	181.7	250.0
November	156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	201.6	207.1	192.1	217.3
December	155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	234.1	208.1	218.0	258.4
1944 - January	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
February	148.9	173.0	133.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
March	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
April	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
May	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July	168.5	206.7	150.2	172.0	163.7	161.0	229.3	196.3	217.0	261.3

## HARDWARE

## TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1941	175.9	146.9	176.7	171.0	180.1	158.5	166.6	156.9	141.1
July, 1942	181.4	162.0	181.8	165.0	190.5	166.9	160.4	163.0	170.9
July, 1943	179.9	167.0	158.9	138.6	215.1	215.8	223.0	211.7	199.8
July, 1944	177.6	167.8	166.1	147.1	202.0	228.5	228.8	226.5	213.8
1943 - August	174.6	174.5	162.0	125.7	199.6	209.3	213.7	210.1	200.8
September	181.0	186.8	177.6	168.4	194.3	226.6	247.8	220.1	211.4
October	173.5	198.6	169.2	153.5	182.2	231.7	252.3	213.8	217.0
November	176.5	166.4	181.5	153.4	186.2	222.9	233.3	213.9	225.8
December	147.6	131.5	143.9	132.7	155.7	222.8	236.3	212.1	225.9
1944 - January	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.2	185.3	182.6	181.7
February	177.0	135.1	149.0	146.8	204.1	191.4	183.3	192.4	187.8
March	195.7	194.1	175.3	186.0	204.1	225.7	254.1	212.8	213.9
April	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	213.3	237.5	197.2	196.3
May	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7
June	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	238.7	228.4
July	177.6	167.8	166.1	147.1	202.0	228.5	228.8	226.5	213.8



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, AUGUST, 1944  
(1935-1939 = 100)

An active wholesale trading market resulted in dollar sales increasing 16 per cent in August of this year over August, 1943, according to statements received from approximately 415 wholesale establishments representing nine lines of business. The 16 per cent increase is considerably greater than the gains recorded in the immediately preceding month comparisons of July and June where sales advanced 4 and 8 per cent respectively over the same months of last year. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 200.8 for August, 1944; 179.8 for July, 1944; and 173.4 for August, 1943. Aggregate sales transacted in the January-August period of 1944 are up 11 per cent as compared with cumulative sales for the same months of last year.

The 16 per cent gain was shared by all regions of the country. Increases recorded by economic divisions are as follows: Maritime Provinces, 12 per cent; Quebec, 16 per cent; Ontario, 19 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 17 per cent; British Columbia, 8 per cent.

The clothing trade alone reported no gain in dollar sales over August of last year, trading remaining on a par with the 1943 volume. The footwear trade registered a 32 per cent gain, while the automotive equipment and grocery trades come second in point of view of increased trading with increases of 19 per cent. Drug sales were up 18 per cent; dry goods sales advanced 17 per cent; hardware and tobacco and confectionery trades recorded gains of 13 per cent, a 12 per cent increase was reported by fruit and vegetable wholesalers.

Inventories in the hands of wholesalers at the end of August were valued 2 per cent higher than the stocks held on August 31, 1943. Increases in stock holdings ranged from 1 per cent in the footwear trade to 16 per cent in the clothing trade. Stocks held by hardware and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers were valued 5 and 26 per cent lower respectively.

The monthly indexes of wholesale sales from January, 1942 onward have recently been revised to include reports from an increased number of firms. Indexes appearing in the reports for June, 1944 and all subsequent months are based on the larger sample of reporting firms.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-	
	July, 1944 July, 1943	August, 1944 August, 1943	date, 1944 Year-to- date, 1943	
Automotive Equipment .....	+19.9	+19.4	+27.0	+13.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+27.4	+34.6		
Ontario .....	+ 8.9	+17.6		
Western Provinces .....	+26.6	+15.2		
Drugs .....	+ 2.1	+17.7	+10.4	+ 3.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 0.2	+19.2		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.4	+14.4		
Clothing .....	- 4.1	- 0.3	+ 1.7	+16.4
Quebec .....	-11.6	+27.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 0.4	- 8.6		
Footwear .....	- 5.5	+51.7	+11.2	+ 0.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 3.3	+34.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 5.3	+30.0		
Dry Goods .....	+ 7.3	+17.4	+ 8.2	+ 2.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.1	+ 5.1		
Ontario .....	+22.9	+22.2		
Western Provinces .....	- 1.5	+27.7		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 1.5	+12.2	+ 9.5	+12.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 3.0	+22.5		
Ontario .....	- 2.1	+15.3		
Western Provinces .....	- 0.1	+ 7.8		
Groceries .....	+ 6.5	+18.5	+12.1	+ 6.4
Maritimes .....	+ 6.2	+11.5		
Quebec .....	+ 3.0	+14.9		
Ontario .....	+ 5.2	+22.7		
Prairies .....	+12.1	+22.6		
British Columbia .....	+ 2.6	+11.3		
Hardware .....	- 1.1	+13.0	+ 5.0	- 4.7
Maritimes .....	+ 0.5	- 3.2		
Quebec .....	+ 4.7	+17.8		
Ontario .....	+ 6.1	+19.7		
Western Provinces .....	- 6.1	+ 9.7		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 5.3	+12.5	+12.8	-25.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 5.4	+ 8.3		
Ontario .....	+ 5.4	+15.5		
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.9	+11.1		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 0.9	+12.0		
Quebec .....	+ 3.5	+15.8		
Ontario .....	+ 4.5	+18.9		
Prairies .....	+ 7.7	+16.8		
British Columbia .....	- 3.7	+ 7.5		
CANADA .....	+ 3.8	+15.8	+10.5	+ 1.6

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1941 .....	156.6	163.1	144.5	153.7	162.0	166.0	174.2	184.0	157.5	179.9
August, 1942 .....	158.5	171.7	146.8	156.2	161.2	167.3	140.8	144.6	119.9	155.4
August, 1943 .....	173.4	197.6	146.9	164.8	189.1	195.1	186.0	183.5	142.4	226.3
August, 1944 .....	200.8	221.3	170.1	195.9	220.9	209.7	222.1	247.0	167.5	260.7
1943 - September .....	186.2	211.2	179.1	177.6	190.1	200.9	199.2	201.2	172.3	215.0
October .....	176.5	211.0	180.2	167.8	170.2	187.5	182.4	209.9	143.2	199.2
November .....	172.2	212.7	173.1	164.5	165.3	190.4	169.4	190.0	144.2	187.4
December .....	164.1	189.9	155.7	160.4	158.3	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5	146.4
1944 - January .....	159.5	176.8	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0
February .....	168.8	174.9	164.6	166.0	161.8	191.4	183.7	199.4	159.2	198.0
March .....	190.9	214.2	185.9	191.3	180.8	205.5	183.3	179.9	133.2	205.5
April .....	173.0	201.5	162.6	172.3	168.3	189.2	178.2	173.6	145.8	216.4
May .....	195.2	238.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	203.8	165.5	215.9
June .....	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1
July .....	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6
August .....	200.8	221.3	170.1	195.9	220.9	209.7	222.1	247.0	167.5	260.7

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA	CANADA	CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
August, 1941 .....	147.3	148.2	145.3		185.5	140.4	169.5	149.6	186.8		177.2	
August, 1942 .....	161.6	161.4	160.8		202.7	170.2	167.0	161.6	173.5		185.4	
August, 1943 .....	173.1	170.3	179.3		194.8	174.3	142.5	127.6	153.9		177.0	
August, 1944 .....	203.7	203.0	205.1		194.2	223.6	174.3	154.1	183.1		227.2	
1943 - September .....	197.9	199.2	200.3		209.3	199.1	166.4	168.8	163.3		162.6	
October .....	207.8	207.0	208.0		184.4	188.2	154.4	151.3	154.2		162.1	
November .....	200.5	199.4	203.5		173.2	174.2	138.6	135.1	140.7		156.3	
December .....	189.2	192.4	180.6		113.0	173.4	105.0	91.8	109.0		121.3	
1944 - January .....	197.9	197.2	200.1		225.2	201.1	187.8	165.4	204.6		209.8	
February .....	195.4	193.1	204.4		222.5	186.8	174.3	175.6	175.9		168.1	
March .....	200.4	196.2	212.3		209.7	184.2	192.6	191.4	182.4		209.0	
April .....	193.0	191.6	192.4		172.6	178.4	164.5	165.0	148.6		179.3	
May .....	205.0	207.8	196.8		165.2	195.2	165.7	162.7	170.6		162.2	
June .....	184.8	181.1	193.7		145.3	191.0	156.0	171.1	135.6		154.5	
July .....	181.7	174.7	201.2		140.1	126.4	133.9	104.1	143.3		185.1	
August .....	203.7	203.0	205.1		194.2	229.6	174.3	134.1	188.1		227.2	

**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec		Prairies		British Columbia		CANADA	
									Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario
August, 1941 .....	153.8	163.3	149.1	144.0	157.3	161.9	136.2	103.1	137.5	158.2
August, 1942 .....	153.2	167.9	148.5	154.2	147.9	151.2	151.7	115.7	138.2	187.2
August, 1943 .....	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	215.7	141.8	189.9	293.3
August, 1944 .....	184.6	211.5	163.8	191.7	183.4	172.3	242.0	173.7	219.0	316.2
1943 - September .....	168.1	200.9	157.5	162.7	163.5	174.1	221.2	202.0	179.6	272.3
October .....	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	209.8	181.8	181.7	250.0
November .....	156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	201.6	207.1	192.1	217.3
December .....	155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	234.1	208.1	218.0	258.4
1944 - January .....	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
February .....	148.9	173.0	133.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
March .....	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
April .....	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
May .....	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June .....	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July .....	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August .....	184.6	211.5	163.8	191.7	182.4	172.3	242.0	173.7	219.0	316.2

Year and Month	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario		Western Provinces		CANADA	
									Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario
August, 1941 .....	177.2	160.6	181.3	157.3	178.9	154.8	154.1	162.6	141.3	141.3
August, 1942 .....	167.1	157.2	168.2	136.9	175.7	171.1	178.8	179.3	145.7	145.7
August, 1943 .....	174.6	174.5	162.0	125.7	199.6	209.3	213.7	210.1	200.8	200.8
August, 1944 .....	197.3	168.9	190.8	150.5	219.0	235.5	231.4	242.7	223.1	223.1
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October .....	173.5	198.6	169.2	153.5	182.2	231.7	252.3	213.8	217.0	217.0
November .....	176.5	166.4	181.5	153.4	186.2	222.9	233.3	213.9	225.8	225.8
December .....	147.6	131.5	143.9	132.7	155.7	222.8	236.3	212.1	225.9	225.9
1944 - January .....	153.1	135.7	159.1	123.5	172.6	187.3	185.3	182.6	181.7	181.7
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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER, 1944  
(1935-1939 = 100)

September wholesale sales increased 10 per cent over the dollar volume of business transacted in September, 1943, according to statements received from approximately 415 wholesale trading houses engaged in nine lines of business. The September increase, while smaller than the gain recorded in August, compares favourably with July and June comparisons, when sales advanced 4 and 8 per cent respectively. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 204.8 for September, 1944; 199.4 for August, 1944; and 186.2 for September, 1943. Cumulative sales for the nine months of 1944 were 10 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1943.

The 10 per cent increase reflects substantial gains in all regions of the country except British Columbia, where sales remained on a par with September, 1943, trading. Increases recorded by economic divisions are as follows: Maritime Provinces, 14 per cent; Quebec, 13 per cent; Ontario, 9 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 13 per cent.

Gains recorded by the different trades varied greatly. Automotive equipment sales rose 19 per cent. The dry goods trade registered a gain of 14 per cent while fruit and vegetable wholesalers reported 13 per cent more business transacted. An 8 per cent increase was reported by the hardware and the footwear trades; a 5 per cent gain was experienced by the drug trade; tobacco and confectionery sales were up 4 per cent. The clothing trade reported a 12 per cent decline in sales.

Stocks in wholesalers' hands at the end of September, 1944, were valued 4 per cent higher than on the corresponding date a year ago. Five of the nine trades reported increases in inventory holdings ranging from 7 to 29 per cent, while the clothing, hardware, footwear and tobacco trades reported declines in inventories ranging from 1 to 12 per cent.

The monthly indexes of wholesale sales from January, 1942 onward have recently been revised to include reports from an increased number of firms. Indexes appearing in the reports for June, 1944 and all subsequent months are based on the larger sample of reporting firms.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales		Year-to-date, 1944 Year-to-date, 1943	INVENTORY September, 1944 September, 1943
	(1)	(2)		
	August, 1944 August, 1943	September, 1944 September, 1943		
Automotive Equipment .....	+19.4	+18.5	+25.8	+15.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+36.6	+31.1		
Ontario .....	+16.9	+20.2		
Western Provinces .....	+15.2	+12.8		
Drugs .....	+16.9	+ 4.6	+ 9.6	+ 6.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+17.9	+ 9.4		
Western Provinces .....	+14.4	- 9.9		
Clothing .....	- 0.1	-11.9	+ 0.2	+29.0
Quebec .....	+28.2	-13.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 9.1	-11.3		
Footwear .....	+31.0	+ 8.5	+10.7	- 1.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+32.3	+16.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+30.0	+ 1.7		
Dry Goods .....	+17.7	+13.7	+ 8.9	- 2.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 6.1	+11.9		
Ontario .....	+22.2	+11.1		
Western Provinces .....	+29.0	+19.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+10.8	+13.4	+ 9.7	+22.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+11.9	+20.1		
Ontario .....	+14.9	+11.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.8	+10.9		
Groceries .....	+18.5	+11.9	+12.1	+ 8.9
Maritimes .....	+11.5	+13.8		
Quebec .....	+17.2	+15.5		
Ontario .....	+22.7	+ 9.4		
Prairies .....	+21.4	+11.3		
British Columbia .....	+11.3	+12.7		
Hardware .....	+ 9.5	+ 7.6	+ 4.9	- 1.2
Maritimes .....	+ 1.3	+16.6		
Quebec .....	+17.8	+15.5		
Ontario .....	+19.7	+ 6.9		
Western Provinces .....	+ 3.2	+ 4.1		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+12.8	+ 4.1	+11.7	-12.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 9.0	+ 0.4		
Ontario .....	+14.7	+ 4.9		
Western Provinces .....	+12.4	+ 6.1		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+11.8	+14.1		
Quebec .....	+15.3	+12.8		
Ontario .....	+18.5	+ 9.0		
Prairies .....	+10.7	+12.6		
British Columbia .....	+ 3.7	- 0.1		
CANADA .....	+15.0	+10.0	+10.3	+ 3.9

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1941	171.2	184.2	180.3	169.6	161.8	172.9	196.4	193.1	191.5
September, 1942	178.9	194.3	179.8	176.0	175.9	184.1	169.1	168.2	150.1
September, 1943	186.2	211.2	179.1	177.6	190.1	200.9	199.2	201.2	172.3
September, 1944	204.8	241.0	202.0	193.6	214.1	200.7	236.1	263.8	207.1
1943 - October	176.5	211.0	180.2	167.8	170.2	187.5	182.4	209.9	143.2
November	172.2	212.7	173.1	164.5	165.3	190.4	169.4	190.0	144.2
December	164.1	189.9	155.7	160.4	158.3	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5
1944 - January	159.5	176.8	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	152.2
February	168.8	174.9	164.6	166.0	161.8	191.4	183.7	199.4	159.2
March	190.9	214.2	185.9	191.3	180.8	205.3	183.3	179.9	163.2
April	173.0	201.3	162.6	172.3	163.3	189.2	178.2	173.6	145.2
May	195.2	238.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5
June	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9
July	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7
August	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5
September	204.8	241.0	202.0	193.6	214.1	200.7	236.1	263.8	207.1

Year and Month	DRUGS					CLOTHING FOOTWEAR					DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes & Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1941	160.8	162.9	159.6	216.1	202.9	220.0	227.9	231.3	227.9	231.3	186.7	231.3	186.7
September, 1942	182.2	186.5	173.1	233.2	224.0	205.9	204.9	209.3	204.9	209.3	198.8	209.3	198.8
September, 1943	197.9	199.2	200.3	209.3	199.1	166.4	168.8	163.3	168.8	163.3	162.6	163.3	162.6
September, 1944	207.0	217.9	180.5	184.4	215.6	189.2	188.9	181.4	188.9	181.4	194.8	181.4	194.8
1943 - October	207.8	207.0	208.0	184.4	188.2	154.4	151.3	154.2	151.3	154.2	162.1	154.2	162.1
November	200.5	199.4	203.5	173.2	174.2	158.6	135.1	140.7	135.1	140.7	156.3	140.7	156.3
December	189.2	192.4	180.6	113.0	173.4	105.0	91.8	109.0	91.8	109.0	121.3	109.0	121.3
1944 - January	197.0	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	187.8	155.4	204.6	155.4	204.6	209.8	204.6	209.8
February	195.4	193.1	204.4	222.5	186.8	174.3	175.6	175.9	175.6	175.9	168.1	175.9	168.1
March	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	192.6	191.4	182.4	191.4	182.4	209.0	182.4	209.0
April	193.0	191.6	192.4	172.6	178.4	164.5	165.0	148.6	165.0	148.6	179.3	148.6	179.3
May	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.2	195.2	165.7	162.7	170.6	162.7	170.6	162.2	170.6	162.2
June	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	191.0	156.0	171.1	135.6	171.1	135.6	154.5	135.6	154.5
July	181.7	174.7	201.2	140.1	126.4	133.9	104.1	143.3	104.1	143.3	185.1	143.3	185.1
August	202.4	200.8	205.1	194.6	228.3	174.8	135.4	188.1	135.4	188.1	229.5	188.1	229.5
September	207.0	217.9	180.5	184.4	215.6	189.2	188.9	181.4	188.9	181.4	194.8	181.4	194.8

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Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1941	157.0	167.0	161.3	154.3	154.1	157.9	150.2	163.9	133.0	163.3
September, 1942	165.5	176.5	169.7	167.6	158.6	163.3	185.6	180.0	147.2	225.4
September, 1943	168.1	200.9	157.5	155.8	163.5	174.1	221.2	202.0	179.6	272.3
September, 1944	182.1	228.6	181.9	181.4	182.0	196.2	250.8	242.6	200.8	302.0
1943 - October	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	209.8	181.8	181.7	250.0
November	156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	201.6	207.1	192.1	217.3
December	153.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	153.8	234.1	208.1	218.0	258.4
1944 - January	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
February	148.9	175.0	133.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
March	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
April	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
May	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	165.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September	188.1	228.6	181.9	181.4	182.0	196.2	250.8	242.6	200.8	302.0

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1941	196.2	210.1	215.0	208.8	185.5	151.9	150.8	158.3	142.9
September, 1942	177.8	188.5	190.1	170.8	179.4	182.9	179.3	196.9	164.0
September, 1943	181.0	186.8	177.6	168.4	194.3	226.6	247.8	220.1	211.4
September, 1944	194.8	217.8	205.1	180.0	202.3	235.9	248.8	230.9	224.3
1943 - October	173.5	198.6	169.2	153.5	182.2	231.7	252.3	213.8	217.0
November	176.5	166.4	181.5	153.4	186.2	222.9	233.3	213.9	225.8
December	147.6	131.5	143.9	132.7	155.7	222.8	236.3	212.1	225.9
1944 - January	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.2	185.3	182.6	181.7
February	177.0	135.1	149.0	146.8	204.1	191.4	183.3	192.4	187.8
March	195.7	194.1	175.3	186.0	204.1	225.7	254.1	212.8	213.9
April	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	213.3	237.5	197.2	196.3
May	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7
June	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	238.7	228.4
July	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	227.2	230.6	223.1	213.6
August	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
September	194.8	217.8	205.1	180.0	202.3	235.9	248.8	230.9	224.3



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1944  
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October wholesale sales increased 15 per cent over the dollar volume of business transacted in October, 1943, according to reports received from approximately 415 wholesale trading establishments representing nine different lines of business. The 15 per cent gain is in line with the 10 and 15 per cent increases registered by active wholesale markets in September and August. These major gains may be attributed in part to the low level of trading witnessed in the corresponding months of 1943, monthly comparisons revealing gains over October and September, 1942, of 2 and 4 per cent, respectively. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 202.4 for October, 1944, 205.4 for September, 1944, and 176.5 for October, 1943. Cumulative sales for the ten-month period of this year have advanced 11 per cent above the sales for the corresponding period of 1943.

The increase in trading over October, 1943 was less pronounced in British Columbia than in the other regions, while the greatest gain occurred in the Maritime Provinces. Results on a regional basis are as follows: Maritimes, 19 per cent; Quebec, 16 per cent; Ontario, 16 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 15 per cent; British Columbia, 6 per cent.

Increases in sales volume were reported by each of the nine trades. A rapid rate of trading was experienced by the footwear, automotive equipment, dry goods, grocery and clothing trades, sales increases ranging from 19 to 22 per cent. Sales of drug wholesalers were up 14 per cent. The hardware trade transacted 11 per cent more business; tobacco and confectionery sales were up 9 per cent; a 5 per cent increase was reported by the fruits and vegetables trade.

The inventory position at the end of October relative to the corresponding date last year increased by 4 per cent. Clothing wholesalers valued their stocks on hand 38 per cent higher than on the same date of last year, at which time clothing inventories were 35 per cent below the level prevailing at October 31, 1942. Stock holdings were valued from 2 to 16 per cent higher for five of the other trades while inventories declined 2 per cent in the dry goods trade, 5 per cent in the footwear trade, and 19 per cent in the tobacco and confectionery trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales		Year-to-date, 1944 Year-to-date, 1943	INVENTORY October, 1944 October, 1943
	(1)	(2)		
	September, 1944 September, 1943	October, 1944 October, 1943		
Automotive Equipment .....	+18.4	+21.3	+25.3	+15.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+30.2	+26.5		
Ontario .....	+20.2	+28.0		
Western Provinces .....	+12.8	+14.0		
Drugs .....	+ 4.6	+13.9	+10.1	+ 4.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 9.4	+14.0		
Western Provinces .....	- 9.9	+13.6		
Clothing .....	-12.3	+18.9	+ 1.9	+37.5
Quebec .....	-14.3	+22.7		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	-11.3	+17.0		
Footwear .....	+ 6.9	+21.8	+11.8	- 4.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+16.1	+13.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 0.5	+30.6		
Dry Goods .....	+13.9	+20.7	+10.1	- 2.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+11.9	+22.6		
Ontario .....	+12.1	+17.0		
Western Provinces .....	+19.8	+22.0		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+12.6	+ 4.5	+ 9.0	+ 9.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+19.0	+ 2.7		
Ontario .....	+12.3	+11.8		
Western Provinces .....	+10.6	+ 0.3		
Groceries .....	+12.0	+10.8	+12.9	+ 7.4
Maritimes .....	+13.8	+18.6		
Quebec .....	+14.9	+23.2		
Ontario .....	+ 9.7	+16.8		
Prairies .....	+11.5	+24.0		
British Columbia .....	+12.7	+14.7		
Hardware .....	+ 9.4	+11.0	+ 5.7	+ 1.6
Maritimes .....	+22.5	+21.5		
Quebec .....	+21.1	+19.8		
Ontario .....	+ 6.7	+13.3		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.1	+ 4.5		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 4.5	+ 8.5	+11.4	-18.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 1.1	+ 3.0		
Ontario .....	+ 5.3	+12.2		
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.0	+ 8.3		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+14.3	+18.5		
Quebec .....	+13.6	+16.4		
Ontario .....	+ 9.2	+15.9		
Prairies .....	+12.4	+14.7		
British Columbia .....	0	+ 5.9		
CANADA .....	+10.3	+14.7	+10.8	+ 3.7

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1941	170.5	190.2	180.1	166.1	153.4	192.4	189.1	208.4	176.9	177.7
October, 1942	172.4	193.2	173.6	167.1	164.3	191.1	157.5	181.3	133.2	161.0
October, 1943	176.5	211.0	180.2	167.8	170.2	187.5	182.4	209.9	143.2	199.2
October, 1944	202.4	250.0	209.8	194.5	195.2	198.6	221.3	265.5	183.3	227.1
1943 - November	172.2	212.7	173.1	164.5	165.3	190.4	169.4	190.0	144.2	187.4
December	164.1	189.9	155.7	160.4	158.3	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5	146.4
1944 - January	159.5	176.8	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0
February	168.8	174.9	164.6	166.0	161.8	191.4	183.7	199.4	159.2	198.0
March	190.9	214.2	185.9	191.3	180.8	205.3	183.3	179.9	163.2	205.5
April	173.0	201.5	162.6	172.3	168.3	189.2	178.2	173.6	145.8	216.4
May	195.2	238.4	183.3	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5	215.9
June	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1
July	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6
August	193.4	230.9	169.4	193.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7
September	205.4	241.4	203.5	193.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5
October	202.4	250.0	209.8	194.5	195.2	198.6	221.5	265.5	183.3	227.1
Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR							DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1941	170.8	174.0	159.3	220.4	216.3	295.0	199.2	201.0	183.4	183.4
October, 1942	196.4	197.3	191.5	227.9	222.7	182.7	168.3	188.1	203.1	203.1
October, 1943	207.8	207.0	208.0	184.4	188.2	154.4	151.3	154.2	162.1	162.1
October, 1944	236.7	236.0	236.3	219.3	229.2	186.4	185.5	180.4	197.8	197.8
1943 - November	200.5	199.4	203.5	173.2	174.2	138.6	135.1	140.7	156.3	156.3
December	189.2	192.4	180.6	113.0	173.4	105.0	91.8	109.0	121.3	121.3
1944 - January	197.9	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	187.8	165.4	204.6	209.8	209.8
February	195.4	193.1	204.4	222.5	186.8	174.3	175.6	175.9	168.1	168.1
March	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	192.6	191.4	182.4	209.0	209.0
April	193.0	191.6	192.4	172.6	178.4	164.5	165.0	148.6	179.3	179.3
May	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.2	195.2	165.7	162.7	170.6	162.2	162.2
June	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	191.0	156.0	171.1	135.6	154.5	154.5
July	181.7	174.7	201.2	140.1	126.4	133.9	104.1	143.3	185.1	185.1
August	202.4	200.8	205.1	194.6	228.3	174.8	135.4	188.1	229.5	229.5
September	207.0	217.9	180.5	184.4	212.8	189.5	188.9	183.1	194.8	194.8
October	235.7	236.0	236.3	219.3	229.2	186.4	185.5	180.4	197.8	197.8

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Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1941 .....	160.9	186.2	177.7	149.5	149.8	177.4	130.3	114.7	135.5	135.6
October, 1942 .....	163.0	183.6	173.8	158.8	154.6	166.2	157.5	140.3	147.6	175.9
October, 1943 .....	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	209.8	181.8	181.7	250.0
October, 1944 .....	182.6	238.9	195.8	180.3	163.6	175.7	219.2	186.7	203.1	250.8
1943 - November ....	156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	201.6	207.1	192.1	217.3
December ....	155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	234.1	208.1	218.0	258.4
1944 - January .....	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
February ....	148.3	173.0	133.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
March .....	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
April .....	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
May .....	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June .....	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July .....	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	136.7	219.0	261.3
August .....	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September ....	183.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October.....	182.6	238.9	195.8	180.3	163.6	175.7	219.2	186.7	203.1	250.8

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1941 .....	200.2	193.6	204.6	204.7	195.4	163.4	159.5	161.9	156.6
October, 1942 .....	173.2	176.2	183.3	147.0	180.2	186.4	169.2	193.3	179.3
October, 1943 .....	173.5	198.6	169.2	153.5	182.2	231.7	252.3	213.8	217.0
October, 1944 .....	192.6	241.3	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.4	259.9	239.9	235.0
1943 - November .....	176.5	166.4	181.5	153.4	186.2	222.9	233.3	213.9	225.8
December .....	147.6	131.5	143.3	132.7	155.7	222.8	236.3	212.1	225.9
1944 - January .....	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.2	185.3	182.6	181.7
February .....	177.0	135.1	149.0	146.8	204.1	191.4	183.3	192.4	187.8
March .....	195.7	194.1	175.3	186.0	204.1	225.7	254.1	212.8	213.9
April .....	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	213.3	237.5	197.2	196.3
May .....	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7
June .....	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	238.7	228.4
July .....	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	227.2	230.6	223.1	213.6
August .....	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
September ...	198.0	228.8	215.1	179.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1
October .....	192.6	241.3	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.4	259.9	239.9	235.0



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, NOVEMBER, 1944  
(1935-1939 = 100)

A survey of November wholesale trading shows that dollar sales for the month exceeded the volume of business realized in November, 1943, by 14 per cent. Statements were received from approximately 415 wholesale trading establishments representing nine different lines of business. The 14 per cent increase is in line with the pattern of wholesale trading witnessed in the three previous month comparisons when gains over 1943 ranged from 10 to 15 per cent. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 196.0 for November, 1944; 202.6 for October, 1944; and 172.2 for November, 1943. Aggregate sales for the eleven months of 1944 were 11 per cent higher than for the January-November period of 1943.

The increase in trading activities was felt by all regions of the country, but the gain in British Columbia was somewhat smaller than increases registered in other parts. Results by economic divisions are as follows: Maritime Provinces, 16 per cent; Quebec, 13 per cent; Ontario, 15 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 16 per cent; British Columbia, 7 per cent.

The automotive equipment trade came first in point of view of increased trading, recording a gain of 23 per cent. The grocery trade and the clothing trade each reported 18 per cent more business transacted followed by a 16 per cent increase in drug sales. Dry goods wholesalers and hardware merchants both valued their sales 14 per cent higher while the tobacco and confectionery trade increased 9 per cent. Footwear sales were up 6 per cent and a minor gain of 3 per cent was reported by the fruits and vegetables trade.

Inventories in the hands of wholesalers at the close of November were valued 4 per cent higher than the stocks held on the corresponding date of 1943. The dry goods and fruits and vegetables trades reported declines of 2 and 3 per cent respectively, while tobacco and confectionery stocks fell 23 per cent. The remaining six trades reported increases in stock holdings ranging from 3 per cent to 28 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-	
	October, 1944 October, 1943	November, 1944 November, 1943	date, 1944 Year-to- date, 1943	
Automotive Equipment .....	+21.4	+22.6	+25.0	+17.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+25.5	+18.4		
Ontario .....	+30.9	+21.2		
Western Provinces .....	+12.0	+25.6		
Drugs .....	+13.9	+15.7	+10.6	+ 6.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+14.0	+17.8		
Western Provinces .....	+13.6	+10.0		
Clothing .....	+20.8	+17.6	+ 3.4	+27.5
Quebec .....	+26.7	+15.7		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+18.0	+18.7		
Footwear .....	+21.1	+ 6.4	+11.2	+ 3.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+13.0	- 4.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+30.6	+20.3		
Dry Goods .....	+20.8	+13.6	+10.4	- 2.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+22.7	+13.2		
Ontario .....	+17.0	+15.1		
Western Provinces .....	+22.0	+12.5		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 4.0	+ 2.8	+ 8.4	- 2.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 0.6	- 7.9		
Ontario .....	+11.8	+ 1.1		
Western Provinces .....	+ 0.3	+ 9.6		
Groceries .....	+20.1	+18.3	+13.4	+ 3.8
Maritimes .....	+12.1	+14.6		
Quebec .....	+24.1	+22.5		
Ontario .....	+16.8	+20.9		
Prairies .....	+24.0	+17.4		
British Columbia .....	+14.7	+12.2		
Hardware .....	+11.3	+14.1	+ 6.5	+ 9.9
Maritimes .....	+23.4	+22.2		
Quebec .....	+20.1	+15.5		
Ontario .....	+13.3	+14.7		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.5	+10.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 8.4	+ 8.9	+11.2	-23.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.0	+13.9		
Ontario .....	+11.6	+ 7.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.3	+ 6.9		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+18.8	+15.6		
Quebec .....	+16.3	+12.6		
Ontario .....	+16.1	+15.1		
Prairies .....	+14.5	+15.7		
British Columbia .....	+ 6.0	+ 6.6		
CANADA .....	+14.8	+13.8	+11.1	+ 4.4

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

## WHOLESALE TRADE

## AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA & Quebec	Maritimes	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1941	147.4	168.1	156.3	142.8	135.8	162.4	161.8	172.8	163.4	153.8
November, 1942	153.9	178.9	152.2	148.7	146.4	180.3	146.3	155.2	127.6	162.4
November, 1943	172.2	212.7	173.1	164.5	165.3	190.4	169.4	190.0	144.2	187.4
November, 1944	196.0	245.9	194.9	183.3	191.3	203.0	207.7	225.2	174.8	235.4
1943 - December	164.1	189.9	155.7	160.4	158.3	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5	146.4
1944 - January	159.5	176.8	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0
February	168.8	174.9	164.6	166.0	161.8	191.4	183.7	199.4	159.2	198.0
March	190.9	214.2	185.9	191.3	180.8	205.3	183.3	179.9	163.2	205.5
April	173.0	201.5	162.6	172.3	168.3	189.2	178.2	173.6	145.8	216.4
May	195.2	238.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5	215.9
June	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1
July	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6
August	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7
September	205.4	241.4	203.5	193.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5
October	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1
November	196.0	245.9	194.9	183.3	191.3	203.0	207.7	225.2	174.8	235.4

## DRUGS

## CLOTHING FOOTWEAR

## DRY GOODS

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA & Quebec	Maritimes	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1941	154.9	156.2	151.1	182.5	153.0	166.8	179.0	178.1	149.5	149.5
November, 1942	178.4	180.6	172.5	203.5	144.9	148.5	137.3	154.6	175.2	175.2
November, 1943	200.5	199.4	203.5	173.2	174.2	138.6	135.1	140.7	156.3	156.3
November, 1944	232.0	234.3	223.9	203.7	185.3	157.4	152.9	161.9	175.8	175.8
1943 - December	189.2	192.4	180.6	113.0	173.4	105.0	91.8	109.0	121.3	121.3
1944 - January	197.9	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	187.8	165.4	204.6	209.8	209.8
February	195.4	193.1	204.4	222.5	186.8	174.3	175.6	175.9	168.1	168.1
March	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	192.6	191.4	182.4	209.0	209.0
April	195.0	191.6	192.4	172.6	178.4	164.5	165.0	148.6	179.3	179.3
May	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.2	195.2	165.7	162.7	170.6	162.2	162.2
June	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	191.0	156.0	171.1	135.6	154.5	154.5
July	181.7	174.7	201.2	140.1	126.4	133.9	104.1	143.3	185.1	185.1
August	202.4	200.8	205.1	194.6	228.3	174.8	135.4	188.1	229.5	229.5
September	207.0	217.9	180.5	184.4	212.8	189.5	188.9	183.1	194.8	194.8
October	236.7	236.0	236.3	222.8	227.9	186.5	185.6	180.4	197.8	197.8
November	232.0	234.9	223.9	203.7	185.3	157.4	152.9	161.9	175.8	175.8

**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1941	137.0	163.4	153.3	126.0	127.4	147.8	119.0	121.4	122.5	131.5
November, 1942	143.7	173.2	153.6	139.1	129.8	155.5	142.9	150.3	144.8	159.9
November, 1943	156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	201.6	207.1	132.1	217.3
November, 1944	185.3	242.1	198.3	187.2	139.9	183.2	207.2	190.7	194.1	232.7
1943 - December	155.6	197.5	145.8	158.2	144.9	155.8	234.1	208.1	212.0	228.4
1944 - January	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
February	148.9	173.0	135.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
March	171.4	218.1	150.2	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
April	131.6	184.7	135.9	137.2	136.5	161.0	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
May	173.0	217.3	157.3	173.3	161.0	196.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June	177.3	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August	184.6	211.3	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October	183.0	239.3	197.8	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November	185.3	242.1	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	207.2	190.7	194.2	238.2
HARDWARE										
Year and Month	TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY						Western Provinces			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
November, 1941	121.3	172.0	191.0	183.4	175.9	162.1	148.6	154.5	152.8	
November, 1942	167.5	157.2	170.6	145.3	178.5	179.3	162.3	186.2	180.8	
November, 1943	176.5	166.4	161.5	133.4	186.2	222.9	233.3	213.9	225.2	
November, 1944	201.4	214.3	203.6	175.9	203.9	242.7	265.7	230.2	241.4	
1943 - December	147.6	131.5	143.9	132.7	155.7	222.8	236.3	212.1	225.9	
1944 - January	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.2	185.3	182.6	181.7	
February	177.0	135.1	142.0	146.8	204.1	191.4	183.3	192.4	187.8	
March	195.7	194.1	173.3	186.0	204.1	225.7	254.1	212.8	213.9	
April	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	213.3	237.5	197.2	196.3	
May	195.8	211.3	191.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7	
June	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	238.7	228.4	
July	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	227.2	230.6	223.1	213.6	
August	191.2	173.2	190.2	180.3	206.0	256.1	232.3	241.0	225.7	
September	192.0	228.8	215.1	173.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1	
October	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0	
November	201.4	214.3	209.6	173.9	205.9	242.7	265.7	230.2	241.4	



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1944  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Dollar sales of wholesale merchants averaged 5 per cent higher in December, 1944 than in December, 1943 according to reports received from approximately 415 wholesale houses representing nine different trades. The 5 per cent increase is considerably smaller than the gains recorded in the fall months, which stood at 10 per cent for September, 15 per cent for October and 13 per cent for November. Sales for the year 1944 were 11 per cent greater than the dollar volume of business transacted in 1943. The December unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100 stands at 171.5 compared with 195.3 for November, 1944 and 164.1 for December, 1943.

The only marked increase over December, 1943 was reported by the automotive equipment trade, sales advancing by 21 per cent. A 12 per cent gain was reported by the hardware trade, while the dry goods and tobacco and confectionery trades each recorded an increase of 8 per cent. Grocery sales were up 5 per cent and the clothing trade transacted 4 per cent more business. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers reported a decrease in sales of 1 per cent, drug sales fell off by 2 per cent, the footwear trade declined 19 per cent from the December, 1943 level.

The automotive equipment trade, which reported heavy trading activity in the latter months of 1943, continued to report major increases in each month of 1944 over 1943, gains ranging from 18 per cent in September to 41 per cent in February. Substantial increases ranging from 5 to 21 per cent for different months were registered by grocery wholesalers, each month of 1944 recording an increase in sales over the corresponding period of 1943. Dry goods wholesalers registered a higher level of trading in 1944 than in 1943, the annual comparison recording an increase of 10 per cent. Dry goods sales expanded more rapidly in the last five months of 1944 than earlier in the year and the substantial increases, ranging up to 21 per cent in October may be attributed, in part, to the relatively lower level of dry goods trading witnessed in the latter months of 1943. Sales transacted by tobacco and confectionery wholesalers registered an overall gain of 8 per cent for the year, increases recorded in monthly comparisons ranging from 2 to 23 per cent.

Marked gains in the fruit and vegetable trade in January, February and May compared with corresponding months of 1943 were partially offset by more moderate advances in later months, sales for the year averaging 8 per cent higher than in 1943. The drug trade realized a 10 per cent gain in 1944 compared with 1943. There were no outstanding features in the trend of wholesale hardware trading. While sales declined in May and July by 4 and 1 per cent respectively below the same months of 1943, the

dollar value of business transacted during 1944 rose 7 per cent above 1943 wholesale hardware sales.

The dollar valuation placed on inventories in the hands of wholesalers on December 31, 1944 exceeded by 2 per cent the year-end stocks held in 1943. Minor gains in stock holdings were recorded in the January and February month comparisons. Inventories expanded more rapidly in each of the months from March to July, but a gradual narrowing of the spread was evident in the latter months of 1944 as compared with the same months of 1943. The tobacco and confectionery trade suffered the greatest decline in stocks, inventories decreasing as low as 28 per cent in the November comparison, and 19 per cent in the year-end comparison. The end of the year found stock holdings depleted in the grocery, fruits and vegetables, and dry goods trades. The other trades reported increases ranging from 6 to 14 per cent in stock holdings at the end of the year compared with December 31, 1943.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales		Year-to-date, 1944	INVENTORY December, 1944
	(1)	(2)		
	November, 1944	December, 1944	Year-to-date, 1944	December, 1944
	November, 1943	December, 1943	Year-to-date, 1943	December, 1943
Automotive Equipment .....	+22.8	+21.0	+24.7	+14.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.4	-11.0		
Ontario .....	+21.6	+22.5		
Western Provinces .....	+25.8	+32.1		
Drugs .....	+15.6	- 1.5	+ 9.6	+ 6.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+17.7	- 1.3		
Western Provinces .....	+10.0	- 2.1		
Clothing .....	+13.1	+ 4.2	+ 3.1	+14.4
Quebec .....	+15.7	+12.9		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+11.7	- 2.5		
Footwear .....	+ 8.7	-19.4	+ 8.8	+11.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 4.2	-40.7		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+22.1	+11.1		
Dry Goods .....	+14.5	+ 8.2	+10.5	- 4.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+13.2	+17.5		
Ontario .....	+17.8	+10.3		
Western Provinces .....	+12.5	- 9.5		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 2.5	- 1.4	+ 7.5	- 1.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 6.6	+ 2.4		
Ontario .....	+ 0.9	+ 3.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.6	- 6.1		
Groceries .....	+18.3	+ 4.8	+12.7	- 1.5
Maritimes .....	+14.9	+ 3.3		
Quebec .....	+22.5	+ 6.7		
Ontario .....	+20.9	+10.0		
Prairies .....	+17.4	- 8.0		
British Columbia .....	+12.2	+12.2		
Hardware .....	+12.1	+11.7	+ 6.7	+ 8.4
Maritimes .....	+22.8	+ 1.4		
Quebec .....	+15.5	+13.0		
Ontario .....	+14.7	+10.0		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.6	+10.0		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 8.9	+ 7.5	+ 8.3	-19.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+12.7	+10.0		
Ontario .....	+ 8.1	+10.2		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.2	+ 0.6		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+15.6	+ 5.3		
Quebec .....	+12.2	+ 5.6		
Ontario .....	+15.2	+ 8.8		
Prairies .....	+15.4	- 3.0		
British Columbia .....	+ 5.4	+ 8.2		
CANADA .....	+13.4	+ 4.5	+10.6	+ 1.7

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(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1941	137.4	144.9	132.4	141.5	125.3	132.2	163.9	190.4	166.2	159.4
December, 1942	147.4	152.3	130.3	149.6	137.5	134.9	126.9	139.0	118.1	139.8
December, 1943	164.1	199.9	135.7	160.4	158.5	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5	146.4
December, 1944	171.5	200.0	164.4	174.5	153.6	202.4	170.7	161.9	156.2	193.4
1944 - January	159.5	176.8	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	152.2	196.0
February	168.2	174.9	164.6	166.0	161.8	191.4	185.7	199.4	159.2	198.0
March	190.9	214.2	185.9	191.3	180.8	205.3	183.3	173.9	163.2	205.5
April	173.0	201.5	162.6	172.3	168.3	189.2	178.2	173.6	145.8	216.4
May	195.2	238.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5	215.9
June	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1
July	179.8	213.1	155.3	175.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6
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October	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.2	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1
November	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7
December	171.5	200.0	164.4	174.5	153.6	202.4	170.7	161.9	156.2	193.4

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING FOOTWEAR			DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1941	148.6	149.5	145.8	128.4	172.2	100.6	100.8	94.9	106.5
December, 1942	156.2	156.4	156.0	136.5	123.5	107.0	86.9	121.5	120.3
December, 1943	189.2	192.4	180.6	113.0	173.4	105.0	91.8	109.0	121.3
December, 1944	186.4	189.9	176.8	117.7	139.8	113.6	107.9	120.2	109.8
1944 - January	197.9	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	187.8	165.4	204.6	209.8
February	195.4	193.1	204.4	222.5	186.8	174.3	175.6	175.9	168.1
March	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	192.6	191.4	182.4	209.0
April	193.0	191.6	192.4	172.6	178.4	164.5	165.0	148.6	179.3
May	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.2	195.2	165.7	162.7	170.6	162.2
June	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	191.0	156.0	171.1	135.6	154.5
July	181.7	174.7	201.2	140.1	126.4	133.9	104.1	143.3	185.1
August	202.4	200.8	205.1	194.6	228.3	174.8	135.4	188.1	229.5
September	207.0	217.9	180.5	184.4	212.8	189.5	188.9	183.1	194.8
October	236.7	236.0	236.3	222.8	227.9	186.5	185.6	180.4	197.8
November	231.8	234.7	223.9	195.9	189.4	158.7	152.9	165.7	175.8
December	186.4	189.9	176.8	117.7	139.8	113.6	107.9	120.2	109.8



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935-1959 = 100)

## GROCERIES

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1941	124.6	141.1	117.3	124.1	119.7	132.6	141.2	135.9	155.9	130.6
December, 1942	145.5	154.9	126.1	143.6	134.3	177.4	182.3	162.1	187.9	187.1
December, 1943	155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	234.1	208.1	218.0	252.4
December, 1944	163.1	203.8	155.4	174.0	133.3	184.2	230.8	213.1	226.3	242.6
1944 - January	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
February	148.9	173.0	133.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
March	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
April	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
May	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June	177.9	217.8	137.5	184.7	183.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October	183.0	239.9	137.2	180.3	165.6	173.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December	163.1	203.9	155.4	174.0	133.5	184.2	230.6	213.1	226.3	242.5

## HARDWARE

## TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1941	175.0	145.5	165.2	198.0	171.5	168.5	170.5	169.7	164.7
December, 1942	147.2	115.0	127.8	140.6	161.8	193.6	181.1	198.4	200.4
December, 1943	147.6	151.5	149.9	152.7	155.7	222.8	235.5	212.1	225.9
December, 1944	164.9	183.5	163.5	155.9	171.5	259.5	259.9	255.7	227.3
1944 - January	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.2	185.3	182.6	181.7
February	177.0	155.1	143.0	146.8	204.1	191.4	185.3	192.4	187.8
March	195.7	194.1	175.3	186.0	204.1	225.7	234.1	212.8	213.9
April	178.5	201.5	155.4	159.1	196.0	216.5	237.5	197.2	196.3
May	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7
June	133.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	242.9	273.5	238.7	228.4
July	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	227.2	230.6	223.1	213.6
August	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	203.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
September	192.0	228.8	215.1	179.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1
October	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0
November	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	242.7	262.2	251.2	242.1
December	164.9	153.8	162.6	155.9	171.3	239.5	259.9	235.7	227.3





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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1945  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale trade in Canada recorded an average increase of 15 per cent during the first month of the year over January, 1944, for the nine lines of business for which data are available, according to statements received from approximately 415 of the larger wholesale establishments. January sales were 7 per cent higher than the December level of trading, but fell considerably below the pattern of trading witnessed in October and November of last year. The January unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 182.6 compared with 170.8 for December, 1944 and 159.5 for January, 1944.

The 15 per cent gain reflects a rapid turnover of merchandise in all regions of the country. Ontario sales advanced by 17 per cent, the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia each reported a 16 per cent gain, the Prairie Provinces transacted 12 per cent more business, while Quebec sales increased 11 per cent.

The grocery trade came first in point of view of increased trading with a gain of 22 per cent. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported an increase of 21 per cent while automotive equipment sales were 15 per cent higher. The hardware trade registered a 14 per cent gain, followed by increases of 11 per cent and 10 per cent for the drug and footwear trades respectively. Fruit and vegetable sales were up 8 per cent and the clothing trade recorded a minor gain of 1 per cent. Dollar sales of dry goods wholesalers declined by 2 per cent.

The inventory position at the end of January of this year remained constant with the value of stock holdings at the end of January, 1944. The grocery, dry goods, automotive equipment and tobacco and confectionery trades valued their stocks lower than the merchandise held on the same date of last year, declines ranging from 2 to 12 per cent. The other five trades under survey reported the following gains in inventories; clothing, 2 per cent; hardware, 5 per cent; drug, 7 per cent; footwear, 12 per cent; and fruits and vegetables, 30 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1) December, 1944 December, 1943	(2) January, 1945 January, 1944	
Automotive Equipment .....	+17.9	+14.9	-10.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-10.7	+20.2	
Ontario .....	+17.6	+18.7	
Western Provinces .....	+30.9	+11.3	
Drugs .....	- 1.1	+10.7	+ 7.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ..	- 0.8	+ 9.6	
Western Provinces .....	- 2.1	+12.8	
Clothing .....	+ 6.7	+ 1.3	+ 2.2
Quebec .....	+10.3	- 7.8	
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 3.9	+ 4.9	
Footwear .....	-17.1	+10.3	+12.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-36.8	+ 6.7	
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+11.2	+14.8	
Dry Goods .....	+ 7.8	- 2.4	- 6.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+17.6	+ 3.9	
Ontario .....	+13.2	- 1.1	
Western Provinces .....	-13.6	-10.5	
Fruit and Vegetables .....	- 0.6	+ 7.8	+30.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 2.7	+ 4.2	
Ontario .....	+ 4.7	+ 5.8	
Western Provinces .....	- 6.1	+12.9	
Groceries .....	+ 4.7	+21.6	- 1.8
Maritimes .....	+ 5.3	+16.9	
Quebec .....	+ 6.9	+19.9	
Ontario .....	+ 8.9	+28.3	
Prairies .....	- 8.0	+17.3	
British Columbia .....	+18.2	+23.0	
Hardware .....	+ 5.7	+13.8	+ 4.5
Maritimes .....	+ 2.3	+ 9.2	
Quebec .....	+ 2.8	+16.3	
Ontario .....	+12.7	+ 8.6	
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.7	+15.2	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 7.4	+20.6	-11.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 9.3	+16.8	
Ontario .....	+10.6	+30.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 0.9	+10.8	
Wholesale Trade .....			
Maritimes .....	+ 5.7	+16.0	
Quebec .....	+ 4.2	+11.3	
Ontario .....	+ 8.6	+17.3	
Prairies .....	- 3.1	+12.3	
British Columbia .....	+ 6.0	+16.1	
CANADA .....	+ 4.1	+14.5	+ 0.9

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1942	132.5	134.0	119.1	144.2	122.3	148.1	165.3	131.3	206.2	146.6
January, 1943	142.2	140.8	136.5	149.7	127.1	168.4	127.9	112.5	136.5	130.2
January, 1944	159.5	176.8	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0
January, 1945	182.6	205.1	165.9	189.3	171.1	208.2	195.6	179.1	187.8	218.1
1944 - February	168.6	174.9	164.6	166.0	161.8	191.4	182.7	199.4	159.2	198.0
March	190.9	214.2	185.9	191.3	180.8	205.3	183.3	179.9	163.2	205.5
April	173.0	201.5	162.6	172.3	168.3	189.2	178.2	173.6	145.8	216.4
May	195.2	238.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5	215.9
June	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1
July	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6
August	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7
September	205.4	241.4	203.5	193.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5
October	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1
November	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7
December	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6
1945 - January	182.6	205.1	165.9	189.3	171.1	208.2	195.3	179.1	187.9	218.1

Year and Month	DRUGS						DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Mariti Que &	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January 1942	160.5	163.9	149.5	101.9	93.2	131.4	123.2	123.2	163.5	106.4
January 1943	172.7	173.6	168.0	186.0	159.7	174.9	169.5	169.5	195.2	161.1
January 1944	197.9	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	187.8	165.4	165.4	204.6	209.8
January 1945	219.1	216.1	225.7	228.1	221.8	183.3	171.9	171.9	202.3	187.8
1944 - February	195.4	193.1	204.4	222.5	186.8	174.3	175.6	175.6	175.9	168.1
March	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	192.6	191.4	191.4	182.4	209.0
April	193.0	191.6	192.4	172.6	178.4	164.5	165.0	165.0	148.6	179.3
May	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.2	195.2	165.7	162.7	162.7	170.6	162.2
June	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	191.0	156.0	171.1	171.1	135.6	154.5
July	181.7	174.7	201.2	140.1	126.4	133.9	104.1	104.1	143.3	185.1
August	202.4	200.8	205.1	194.6	228.3	174.8	135.4	135.4	188.1	229.5
September	207.0	217.9	180.5	184.4	212.8	189.5	188.9	188.9	183.1	194.8
October	236.7	236.0	236.3	222.8	227.9	186.5	185.5	185.5	180.4	197.8
November	231.8	234.7	223.9	195.9	189.4	158.7	152.9	152.9	165.7	175.9
December	187.1	190.9	176.8	120.6	139.8	112.3	108.0	108.0	123.4	104.8
1945 - January	219.1	216.1	225.7	228.1	221.8	183.3	171.9	171.9	202.3	187.5

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1942	127.2	140.2	99.9	128.1	127.0	144.7	117.6	104.4	135.4	102.7
January, 1943	124.8	145.9	108.3	136.2	114.7	135.6	141.5	127.6	164.6	121.0
January, 1944	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
January, 1945	165.3	210.8	132.5	174.7	146.5	183.1	185.5	169.1	186.2	184.1
1944 - February	148.9	173.0	133.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
March	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.9	157.0	190.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
April	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
May	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January	165.3	210.8	132.5	174.7	146.5	183.1	185.5	169.1	186.2	184.1

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1942	147.1	135.8	151.1	171.4	137.6	144.3	155.8	137.9	130.0
January, 1943	149.2	108.5	153.4	127.2	171.9	159.9	153.9	161.3	149.4
January, 1944	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.2	185.3	182.6	181.7
January, 1945	174.2	148.2	185.0	140.6	198.8	225.8	216.4	238.7	201.3
1944 - February	177.0	135.1	149.0	146.8	204.1	191.4	183.3	192.4	187.8
March	195.7	194.1	175.3	186.0	204.1	225.7	254.1	212.8	213.9
April	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	213.3	237.5	197.2	196.3
May	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7
June	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	238.7	228.4
July	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	227.2	230.6	223.1	213.6
August	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
September	198.0	228.8	215.1	179.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1
October	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0
November	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	242.7	262.9	231.2	242.1
December	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9
1945 - January	174.2	146.2	185.0	140.6	198.8	225.8	216.4	238.7	201.3



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The dollar volume of wholesale trading transacted in Canada during February of this year increased 6 per cent over February, 1944, according to statements received from approximately 415 of the larger wholesale establishments representing nine lines of business. The February increase is smaller than the gain recorded in January when sales advanced 14 per cent above the value of trading in January, 1944. The February unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 178.8 compared with 182.3 for January, 1945, and 168.8 for February, 1944.

While all regions of the country shared in the 6 per cent gain, increases were not uniform and varied from 3 per cent in British Columbia to 10 per cent in Ontario. Increases on a regional basis are as follows: Maritime Provinces, 7 per cent; Quebec, 4 per cent; Ontario, 10 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 4 per cent; British Columbia, 3 per cent.

The automotive equipment trade and the footwear trade each reported a substantial gain of 15 per cent. Tobacco and confectionery sales were up 12 per cent while hardware wholesalers reported 8 per cent more business transacted. Smaller gains of 6, 5 and 4 per cent were recorded by the fruits and vegetables trade, the grocery trade and the drug trade respectively. Dry goods sales were slightly less than 1 per cent below the level of trading in February, 1944, while clothing sales declined by 1 per cent.

Wholesalers valued their inventories on hand at the end of February, 1945, 4 per cent higher than the stocks held on the same date of last year. Increases in stock holdings ranged from 1 per cent in the grocery trade to 17 per cent in the automotive equipment trade, while the tobacco and confectionery and dry goods trades reported declines in inventories of 3 and 6 per cent respectively.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1) January, 1945 January, 1944	(2) February, 1945 February, 1944	
Automotive Equipment .....	+19.6	+14.8	+17.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+26.1	+28.3	
Ontario .....	+25.7	+ 5.3	
Western Provinces .....	+12.2	+16.2	
Drugs .....	+10.3	+ 3.7	+ 3.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ..	+ 9.2	+ 3.7	
Western Provinces .....	+12.8	+ 3.5	
Clothing .....	+ 3.0	- 1.2	+ 3.2
Quebec .....	- 7.8	- 7.5	
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 6.7	+ 2.1	
Footwear .....	+ 9.9	+15.4	+13.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 6.7	+29.5	
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+13.6	+ 5.7	
Dry Goods .....	- 3.2	- 0.7	- 5.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 0.8	- 1.9	
Ontario .....	- 0.3	+ 2.2	
Western Provinces .....	-10.5	- 2.5	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 9.7	+ 5.6	+10.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.7	+ 3.5	
Ontario .....	+10.0	+ 8.1	
Western Provinces .....	+13.5	+ 4.2	
Groceries .....	+21.6	+ 4.6	+ 0.9
Maritimes .....	+16.9	+ 7.6	
Quebec .....	+20.0	- 4.1	
Ontario .....	+28.3	+11.9	
Prairies .....	+17.2	- 0.1	
British Columbia .....	+23.0	+ 4.9	
Hardware .....	+13.0	+ 7.6	+ 9.8
Maritimes .....	+ 7.1	+12.1	
Quebec .....	+15.5	+12.5	
Ontario .....	+ 7.2	+ 7.1	
Western Provinces .....	+15.2	+ 4.6	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+19.6	+12.1	- 2.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+15.6	+13.1	
Ontario .....	+28.4	+16.5	
Western Provinces .....	+12.0	+ 6.5	
Wholesale Trade --			
Maritimes .....	+14.6	+ 7.4	
Quebec .....	+10.1	+ 3.7	
Ontario .....	+17.4	+ 9.6	
Prairies .....	+12.7	+ 3.8	
British Columbia .....	+16.1	+ 2.9	
CANADA .....	+14.3	+ 5.9	+ 3.9

(1) Revised.

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**WHOLESALE TRADE**

**AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Year and Month	CANADA					Western Provinces		
	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1942	136.4	133.7	139.0	124.2	159.6	180.8	155.3	163.7
February, 1943	148.5	145.5	149.8	134.3	170.6	134.3	117.3	140.5
February, 1944	168.8	174.9	166.0	161.8	191.4	199.4	159.2	198.0
February, 1945	178.8	187.8	181.9	167.9	197.0	255.8	167.6	230.1
1944 - March	190.9	214.2	185.9	180.8	205.3	179.9	163.2	205.5
April	173.0	201.5	162.6	168.3	189.2	173.6	145.8	216.4
May	195.2	238.4	182.6	186.4	213.0	263.8	165.5	215.9
June	190.0	225.2	182.0	183.1	205.9	228.6	167.9	228.1
July	179.8	213.1	155.3	190.8	199.0	211.0	161.7	221.6
August	199.4	220.9	169.4	220.7	202.3	250.7	166.5	260.7
September	205.4	241.4	203.5	213.7	200.9	262.0	207.1	242.5
October	202.6	250.7	194.8	194.9	198.8	263.4	187.4	223.1
November	195.3	245.9	194.2	190.8	200.7	225.2	175.3	235.7
December	170.8	200.7	162.2	153.4	198.3	164.3	149.9	191.6
1945 - January	182.3	202.6	164.2	171.8	208.2	187.9	198.9	219.9
February	178.8	187.8	170.7	167.9	197.0	255.8	167.6	230.1

**DRY GOODS**

**CLOTHING FOOTWEAR**

**DRUGS**

Year and Month	CANADA					Western Provinces		
	Maritimes	Que. & Ont. Provinces	Western	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1942	152.1	154.1	147.9	139.9	149.8	151.9	180.5	135.4
February, 1943	172.0	173.2	170.2	205.1	194.0	173.6	190.2	153.5
February, 1944	195.4	193.1	204.4	222.5	186.8	174.3	175.9	168.1
February, 1945	202.6	200.2	211.6	219.8	215.6	173.1	179.8	163.9
1944 - March	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	192.6	182.4	209.0
April	193.0	191.6	192.4	172.6	178.4	164.5	148.6	179.3
May	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.2	135.3	155.7	170.6	162.2
June	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	131.0	156.0	135.6	154.5
July	181.7	174.7	201.2	140.1	126.4	133.9	143.3	185.1
August	202.4	200.8	205.1	134.6	228.3	174.8	188.1	229.5
September	207.0	217.9	180.5	184.4	212.8	189.5	183.1	194.8
October	236.7	236.0	236.3	222.8	227.9	185.5	180.4	197.8
November	231.8	234.7	225.9	195.9	189.4	158.7	165.7	175.8
December	187.1	190.9	176.8	120.6	139.8	113.2	123.4	104.8
1945 - January	218.3	215.3	225.7	232.0	221.0	181.8	204.0	187.8
February	203.6	200.2	211.6	219.8	215.6	173.1	179.8	163.9

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1933-1934 = 100)

## GROCERIES

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1942	125.6	136.4	108.6	120.5	122.3	155.6	119.3	144.1	129.9	36.5
February, 1943	129.5	145.9	118.7	129.7	119.6	147.4	159.3	175.9	168.2	141.2
February, 1944	148.9	173.0	133.2	140.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
February, 1945	155.7	186.1	127.7	167.5	140.0	170.0	191.8	203.9	192.7	120.4
1944 - March	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
April	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
May	173.0	217.2	157.9	175.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June	177.9	217.2	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February	155.7	186.1	127.7	167.5	140.0	170.0	191.8	205.9	192.7	180.4

## HARDWARE

## TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1942	156.0	119.2	131.1	150.7	163.2	140.0	150.8	136.0	127.5
February, 1943	155.5	118.6	140.4	129.0	174.6	159.9	153.8	162.2	155.9
February, 1944	177.0	135.1	149.0	146.8	204.1	191.4	183.3	192.4	187.8
February, 1945	190.5	151.4	167.6	157.2	213.5	214.6	207.3	224.1	200.0
1944 - March	195.7	194.1	175.3	186.0	204.1	225.7	254.1	212.8	213.9
April	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	213.3	237.5	197.2	196.3
May	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7
June	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	236.7	228.4
July	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	227.2	250.6	223.1	213.6
August	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
September	192.0	222.2	215.1	179.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1
October	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0
November	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	242.7	262.9	231.2	242.1
December	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9
1945 - January	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5
February	190.5	151.4	167.6	157.2	213.5	214.6	207.3	224.1	200.0



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALES SALES IN CANADA, MARCH, 1945  
(1935-1939 = 100)

March wholesale sales increased 6 per cent over the dollar volume of trading realized in March, 1944 according to the data received from approximately 415 of the larger wholesale establishments in Canada representing nine lines of business. The March gain remains on a par with the 6 per cent gain recorded in the February comparison, but is considerably lower than the 14 per cent gain registered in the first month of the year. The March general unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939=100 stands at 202.4 as compared with 178.6 for February, 1945 and 190.9 for March, 1944. Cumulative sales for the first three months of the year are 10 per cent greater than sales transacted in the same period of 1944.

The Maritime Provinces reported a minor gain of 2 per cent over March, 1944 but increases in the other provinces were uniform standing at 6 or 7 per cent. Increases on a regional basis are as follows: Maritime Provinces, 2 per cent; Quebec, 6 per cent; Ontario, 6 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 6 per cent; British Columbia, 7 per cent.

The trend varied greatly for the individual trades under survey. Automotive equipment sales advanced 29 per cent over March of last year and was followed by a gain of 24 per cent in the footwear trade. The tobacco and confectionery trade reported 12 per cent more business transacted while the clothing and fruits and vegetables trades each recorded a gain of 8 per cent. Hardware wholesalers as well as wholesale drug merchants realized 5 per cent more business. Dry goods wholesalers reported a gain of slightly less than 1 per cent but dollar sales of wholesale grocers remained on a par with the volume of business transacted in March, 1944.

Wholesalers reported 2 per cent more merchandise on hand at the end of March this year than last. Increases in stock holdings ranged from 1 per cent for the tobacco and confectionery trade to 20 per cent for the automotive equipment trade. The valuation placed on grocery inventories was unchanged from the value of stocks held at the end of March, 1944. The clothing and dry goods trades reported declines in stock holdings of 5 and 7 per cent respectively.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944			
	Sales			INVENTORY March, 1945 March, 1944
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date 1945	
	February, 1945 February, 1944	March, 1945 March, 1944	Year-to-date 1944	
Automotive Equipment .....	+15.0	+28.9	+18.5	+19.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+28.3	+36.0		
Ontario .....	+ 6.4	+25.6		
Western Provinces .....	+16.2	+28.5		
Drugs .....	+ 3.7	+ 4.6	+30.6	+ 5.5
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ..	+ 3.8	+ 5.0		
Western Provinces .....	+ 3.5	+ 3.4		
Clothing .....	+ 2.0	+ 8.4	+19.4	+ 4.6
Quebec .....	+ 9.5	+12.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 2.2	+ 6.1		
Footwear .....	+15.4	+24.3	+16.6	+ 5.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+29.5	+32.5		
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 5.7	+17.0		
Dry Goods .....	+ 0.7	+ 0.8	+ 2.3	+ 6.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 2.0	+ 1.5		
Ontario .....	+ 2.7	+ 4.0		
Western Provinces .....	+ 3.1	+ 0.1		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 5.9	+ 7.6	+ 8.8	+ 2.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.7	+ 9.8		
Ontario .....	+ 8.2	+ 7.9		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.2	+ 5.8		
Groceries .....	+ 4.5	+ 0.2	+ 7.5	+ 0.2
Maritimes .....	+ 7.6	+ 0.9		
Quebec .....	+ 4.4	+ 3.8		
Ontario .....	+11.5	0		
Prairies .....	+ 0.1	+ 2.0		
British Columbia .....	+ 4.9	+ 6.6		
Hardware .....	+ 6.6	+ 5.0	+ 8.4	+ 2.2
Maritimes .....	+ 8.3	+ 0.3		
Quebec .....	+12.5	+16.9		
Ontario .....	+ 6.9	+ 5.5		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.0	+13.7		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+12.4	+11.6	+17.4	+ 1.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+13.1	+ 4.8		
Ontario .....	+16.8	+18.9		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.1	+ 7.6		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 7.0	+ 2.3		
Quebec .....	+ 3.7	+ 6.4		
Ontario .....	+ 9.7	+ 6.1		
Prairies .....	+ 3.8	+ 6.3		
British Columbia .....	+ 2.8	+ 7.4		
CANADA .....	+ 5.8	+ 6.0	+10.0	+ 1.5

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1942	156.2	163.0	164.7	158.0	138.9	169.5	163.3	204.6	164.0	145.9
March, 1943	175.9	186.1	176.7	175.2	162.0	201.7	137.5	138.3	132.0	143.9
March, 1944	190.9	214.2	185.9	191.3	180.8	205.3	183.3	179.9	163.2	205.5
March, 1945	202.4	219.1	197.8	203.0	192.2	220.5	236.3	244.7	205.0	264.1
1944 - April	173.0	201.5	162.6	172.3	168.3	189.2	173.2	173.6	145.8	216.4
May	195.2	238.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5	215.9
June	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1
July	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6
August	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7
September	205.4	241.4	203.5	193.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5
October	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1
November	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7
December	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6
1945 - January	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9
February	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1
March	202.4	219.1	197.8	203.0	192.2	220.5	236.3	244.7	205.0	264.1

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR			DRY GOODS	
	CANADA	Maritimes Que & Ont	Western Provinces		CANADA		CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1942	155.5	154.5	158.1		170.0		191.3		198.7	196.1	173.1
March, 1943	186.1	181.2	200.3		199.9		190.5		181.6	173.7	187.3
March, 1944	200.4	196.2	212.3		209.7		184.2		191.4	182.4	209.0
March, 1945	209.6	206.0	219.5		227.3		229.0		188.5	189.7	208.8
1944 - April	193.0	191.6	192.4		172.6		178.4		165.0	148.6	179.3
May	205.0	207.8	196.8		165.2		195.2		162.7	170.6	162.2
June	184.8	181.1	193.7		145.3		191.0		171.1	135.6	154.5
July	181.7	174.7	201.2		140.1		126.4		104.1	143.3	185.1
August	202.4	200.8	205.1		194.6		228.3		135.4	188.1	229.5
September	207.0	217.9	180.5		184.4		212.8		188.9	183.1	194.8
October	236.7	236.0	236.3		222.8		227.9		185.6	180.4	197.8
November	231.8	234.7	223.9		195.9		189.4		152.9	165.7	175.8
December	187.1	190.9	176.8		120.6		139.8		108.0	123.4	104.8
1945 - January	218.3	215.3	225.7		232.0		221.0		164.1	204.0	187.8
February	202.6	200.4	211.6		218.1		215.6		172.1	180.6	162.9
March	209.6	206.0	219.5		227.3		229.0		188.5	189.7	208.9

**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
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Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1942	141.2	159.8	133.4	138.7	130.8	163.3	147.8	167.5	162.5	119.1
March, 1943	153.3	182.3	140.9	156.0	142.7	160.2	206.2	218.4	209.5	187.6
March, 1944	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
March, 1945	171.1	216.2	144.6	175.8	153.9	192.3	236.7	235.5	244.0	220.1
1944 - April	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
May	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March	171.1	216.2	144.6	175.8	153.9	192.3	236.7	235.5	244.0	220.1

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1942	178.7	165.4	170.7	183.2	175.9	155.0	167.6	152.6	140.1
March, 1943	188.2	146.9	173.9	164.0	204.7	221.3	243.9	209.7	209.9
March, 1944	195.7	194.1	175.3	186.0	204.1	225.7	254.1	212.8	213.9
March, 1945	205.5	194.7	204.9	196.2	232.1	251.9	266.3	253.0	230.2
1944 - April	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	213.3	237.5	197.2	196.3
May	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7
June	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	238.7	228.4
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September	198.0	228.8	215.1	179.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1
October	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0
November	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	242.7	262.9	231.2	242.1
December	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9
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March	205.5	194.7	204.9	196.2	232.1	251.9	266.3	253.0	230.2



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, APRIL, 1945  
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April wholesale sales increased 13 per cent over the dollar volume of wholesale trading realized in April, 1944, according to reports received from approximately 415 wholesale trading establishments in Canada representing nine lines of business. The 13 per cent increase may be attributed in part to the low level of trading witnessed in April of last year. Dollar sales realized in April were 3 per cent below the March, 1945 volume of business. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 195.5 for April, 1945, compared with 201.8 for March, 1945 and 173.0 for April, 1944. Aggregate sales for the first four months of this year were 11 per cent higher than for the same period of 1944.

While all trades reported an increase in sales over April, 1944, gains varied greatly for the different trades. The footwear trade was first from point of view of increased trading, recording a gain of 38 per cent. The automotive equipment trade followed with a 32 per cent gain. Hardware sales advanced 18 per cent; the fruits and vegetables trade reported 16 per cent more business transacted; drug sales were 14 per cent higher and the tobacco and confectionery trade registered a 13 per cent gain. Sales made by wholesale grocers were 10 per cent greater than the turnover of these firms in April, 1944. Minor gains of 2 per cent and 1 per cent were recorded by the clothing trade and dry goods trade respectively.

The textile trades, the footwear trade and the fruits and vegetables trade all reported less merchandise on hand at the end of April, 1945 than on the same date of 1944. Grocery stocks were valued 1 per cent higher while increased inventories reported by the other trades ranged from 4 per cent for the tobacco and confectionery trade to 15 per cent for the automotive equipment trade. The wholesale inventory position for all trades at the end of April, 1945 advanced 4 per cent above the level of stock holdings at the close of April, 1944.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date 1945	
	March, 1945 March, 1944	April, 1945 April, 1944	Year-to-date 1944	April, 1945 April, 1944
Automotive Equipment .....	+28.4	+32.0	+20.6	+15.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+35.9	+41.6		
Ontario .....	+24.8	+38.8		
Western Provinces .....	+28.1	+23.5		
Drugs .....	+ 4.5	+13.6	+ 9.6	+ 5.7
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 5.0	+13.5		
Western Provinces .....	+ 3.1	+14.0		
Clothing .....	+ 6.5	+ 2.1	+18.5	-10.8
Quebec .....	+12.1	+16.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 4.0	- 6.7		
Footwear .....	+24.3	+37.9	+22.9	- 2.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+32.5	+33.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+17.0	+43.1		
Dry Goods .....	- 0.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.4	- 2.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 3.5	+ 3.0		
Ontario .....	+ 4.0	+10.5		
Western Provinces .....	- 1.6	-10.7		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 8.3	+16.2	+11.6	- 1.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+12.1	+18.4		
Ontario .....	+ 8.1	+16.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.8	+14.4		
Groceries .....	- 0.5	+ 9.6	+ 8.1	+ 1.3
Maritimes .....	- 0.9	+13.2		
Quebec .....	- 4.5	+10.6		
Ontario .....	0	+ 9.0		
Prairies .....	- 2.0	+ 6.6		
British Columbia .....	+ 6.6	+12.5		
Hardware .....	+11.2	+18.4	+12.8	+10.0
Maritimes .....	+ 0.3	+19.9		
Quebec .....	+16.9	+32.7		
Ontario .....	+ 5.5	+28.0		
Western Provinces .....	+15.3	+ 9.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+11.2	+12.9	+16.1	+ 3.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.7	+19.0		
Ontario .....	+17.8	+19.3		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.5	+ 4.5		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 2.7	+12.7		
Quebec .....	+ 5.5	+17.5		
Ontario .....	+ 6.0	+16.3		
Prairies .....	+ 6.0	+ 6.5		
British Columbia .....	+ 6.8	+12.4		
CANADA .....	+ 5.7	+13.0	+11.1	+ 4.3

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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1942	155.3	165.8	160.0	158.4	140.1	167.4	151.4	151.6	154.6	149.9
April, 1943	165.4	182.5	166.4	167.0	151.2	184.0	142.3	130.1	132.5	160.4
April, 1944	173.0	201.5	162.6	172.3	168.3	189.2	178.2	173.6	145.8	215.4
April, 1945	195.5	227.1	191.1	200.4	179.2	212.7	235.2	245.8	202.4	267.3
1944 - May	195.2	236.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5	215.9
June	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1
July	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6
August	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7
September	205.4	241.4	203.5	193.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5
October	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1
November	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7
December	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6
1945 - January	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9
February	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.6	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1
March	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2
April	195.5	227.1	191.1	200.4	179.2	212.7	235.2	245.8	202.4	267.3

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
April, 1942 .....	174.3	174.6	169.6	170.6	197.3	179.9	200.2	179.3	140.6	
April, 1943 .....	185.6	184.2	185.4	195.2	188.0	152.7	157.6	142.5	153.4	
April, 1944 .....	193.0	191.6	192.4	172.6	178.4	164.5	165.0	148.6	179.3	
April, 1945 .....	219.2	217.5	219.3	176.2	246.0	166.1	170.0	164.2	160.1	
1944 - May .....	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.2	195.2	165.7	162.7	170.6	162.2	
June .....	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	191.0	156.0	171.1	135.6	154.5	
July .....	181.7	174.7	201.2	140.1	126.4	133.9	164.1	143.3	185.1	
August .....	202.4	200.8	205.1	194.6	228.3	174.8	135.4	188.1	229.5	
September ..	207.0	217.9	180.5	184.4	212.8	189.5	188.9	183.1	194.8	
October ....	236.7	236.0	236.3	222.8	227.9	186.5	185.6	180.4	197.8	
November ..	231.8	234.7	223.9	195.9	189.4	158.7	152.9	165.7	175.8	
December ..	187.1	190.9	176.8	120.6	139.8	113.2	108.0	123.4	104.8	
1945 - January ...	218.3	215.3	225.7	232.0	221.0	181.8	164.1	204.0	187.8	
February ..	202.6	200.4	211.6	218.1	215.6	173.1	172.1	180.6	162.9	
March .....	209.4	206.0	218.9	223.3	229.0	191.4	184.7	189.7	205.7	
April .....	219.2	217.5	219.3	176.2	246.0	166.1	170.0	164.2	160.1	

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1942 .....	135.0	153.0	123.7	129.9	131.7	150.1	157.6	168.9	170.6	126.9
April, 1943 .....	143.4	174.6	143.1	148.6	123.4	147.2	209.9	209.3	212.2	189.6
April, 1944 .....	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	160.1	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
April, 1945 .....	166.2	209.1	150.3	171.3	145.5	181.1	251.5	238.3	252.7	234.6
1944 - May .....	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June .....	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July .....	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August .....	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September ..	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October .....	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November ..	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December ..	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January ...	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February ..	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March .....	170.5	216.2	143.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April .....	166.2	209.1	150.3	171.3	145.5	181.1	251.5	238.3	252.7	234.6

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
April, 1942 .....	183.8	189.8	180.2	188.8	181.0	164.9	177.9	161.3	146.0	
April, 1943 .....	184.0	174.0	168.7	174.3	196.2	189.8	218.5	174.7	171.3	
April, 1944 .....	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	213.3	237.5	197.2	196.3	
April, 1945 .....	211.3	241.4	206.2	203.6	214.8	240.8	282.6	235.3	205.1	
1944 - May .....	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7	
June .....	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	238.7	228.4	
July .....	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	227.2	230.6	223.1	213.6	
August .....	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7	
September ..	198.0	228.8	215.1	179.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1	
October ....	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0	
November ..	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	242.7	262.9	231.2	242.1	
December ..	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9	
1945 - January ...	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5	
February ..	188.7	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	215.1	207.3	224.7	201.1	
March .....	217.6	194.7	204.9	196.2	229.2	251.0	266.6	250.7	229.9	
April .....	211.3	241.4	206.2	203.6	214.8	240.8	282.6	235.3	205.1	



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, MAY, 1945  
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Measured by dollar volume, May wholesale trading increased 6 per cent this year over the volume of sales transacted in May, 1944, according to statements received from approximately 415 wholesale establishments representing nine lines of trade. The 6 per cent increase is considerably smaller than the 14 per cent gain recorded in April of this year over last, but is in line with the 6 per cent sales increase registered in the March and February comparisons. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939 = 100, stands at 205.9 for May, 1945; 196.5 for April, 1945; and 195.2 for May, 1944. Cumulative figures for the first five months of the current year stand 10 per cent above the corresponding period a year ago.

While sales increased in each of the economic divisions, the gains were not uniform. Sales in Quebec were 3 per cent higher, the Prairie Provinces reported a gain of 4 per cent, the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia transacted 6 per cent more business, while Ontario sales were 9 per cent above the volume of business transacted in May, 1944.

The textile trades reported a decided decline in sales, the clothing trade declining by 11 per cent and the dry goods trade 10 per cent compared with May a year ago. The footwear trade reported a gain of less than 1 per cent. Fruit and vegetable sales advanced 4 per cent, hardware wholesalers reported a 6 per cent gain, and an 8 per cent gain was registered by the drug and the grocery trades. Automotive equipment wholesalers valued their sales 10 per cent higher while the tobacco and confectionery trade gained 11 per cent over May, 1944.

Merchandise in the hands of wholesalers at the end of May averaged 2 per cent higher than inventories reported on hand on May 31, 1944. The fruit and vegetable trade reported stocks on hand to be 30 per cent lower at the end of May this year than last. Dry goods stocks declined 7 per cent, grocery inventories were down 3 per cent, while tobacco and confectionery wholesalers valued their merchandise on hand 1 per cent lower than on the same date of last year. The value of stock holdings increased for the other trades as follows: clothing, 1 per cent; drugs, 5 per cent; hardware, 10 per cent; footwear, 11 per cent; automotive equipment, 23 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944			
	Sales		Year-to-date 1945	INVENTORY May, 1945
	(1)	(2)		
	April, 1945 April, 1944	May, 1945 May, 1944	Year-to-date 1944	May, 1944
Automotive Equipment .....	+32.2	+ 9.8	+21.2	+23.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+42.7	+16.1		
Ontario .....	+38.7	+ 5.5		
Western Provinces .....	+23.6	+10.4		
Drugs .....	+14.0	+ 8.3	+ 9.4	+ 4.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+13.5	+ 8.3		
Western Provinces .....	+15.4	+ 8.2		
Clothing .....	+ 6.3	-10.6	+15.9	+ 0.7
Quebec .....	+16.2	-11.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 1.1	-10.4		
Footwear .....	+37.9	+ 0.5	+18.7	+11.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+31.7	- 4.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+43.6	+ 7.0		
Dry Goods .....	+ 1.3	-10.3	- 2.0	- 6.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.2	- 6.4		
Ontario .....	+ 9.7	-11.1		
Western Provinces .....	-10.7	-15.9		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+16.2	+ 3.6	+10.4	-29.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.6	- 2.5		
Ontario .....	+16.6	+ 6.5		
Western Provinces .....	+14.4	+ 4.2		
Groceries .....	+ 9.8	+ 8.1	+ 8.8	- 3.4
Maritimes .....	+13.5	+ 8.5		
Quebec .....	+10.9	+ 6.0		
Ontario .....	+ 9.0	+14.0		
Prairies .....	+ 7.0	+ 6.4		
British Columbia .....	+12.5	+ 0.9		
Hardware .....	+19.2	+ 5.9	+10.7	+10.3
Maritimes .....	+10.5	- 8.4		
Quebec .....	+30.8	+ 8.8		
Ontario .....	+29.0	+ 3.8		
Western Provinces .....	+11.5	+ 7.0		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+13.4	+10.5	+15.1	- 1.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.5	+ 8.0		
Ontario .....	+19.9	+15.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.7	+ 6.1		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+12.0	+ 5.8		
Quebec .....	+17.6	+ 2.8		
Ontario .....	+17.1	+ 9.0		
Prairies .....	+ 6.7	+ 3.5		
British Columbia .....	+13.7	+ 5.6		
CANADA .....	+13.6	+ 5.5	+10.2	+ 2.0

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1942	159.3	178.7	164.4	164.4	140.1	171.4	135.7	174.9	132.8	127.8
May, 1943	165.4	191.2	161.9	169.8	149.8	188.5	151.3	184.5	122.7	175.5
May, 1944	195.2	238.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5	215.9
May, 1945	205.9	252.2	187.7	216.4	192.9	224.9	217.0	306.3	174.6	238.4
1944 - June	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1
July	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6
August	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7
September	205.4	241.4	203.5	193.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5
October	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1
November	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7
December	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6
1945 - January	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9
February	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1
March	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2
April	196.5	225.7	191.2	201.8	179.6	215.1	235.6	247.7	202.2	267.5
May	205.9	252.2	187.7	216.4	192.9	224.9	217.0	306.3	174.6	238.4

Year and Month	CLOTHING						FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1942	155.4	155.9	153.2	153.2	169.4	161.8	161.8	169.2	171.5	187.4	138.2	171.5	187.4	138.2
May, 1943	173.4	172.9	174.3	174.3	161.6	147.9	147.9	150.4	148.2	159.9	139.7	148.2	159.9	139.7
May, 1944	205.0	207.8	196.8	196.8	165.2	195.2	195.2	165.7	162.7	170.6	162.2	162.7	170.6	162.2
May, 1945	222.0	225.0	212.9	212.9	147.7	196.2	196.2	148.6	152.3	151.7	136.4	152.3	151.7	136.4
1944 - June	184.8	181.1	193.7	193.7	145.3	191.0	191.0	156.0	171.1	135.6	154.5	171.1	135.6	154.5
July	181.7	174.7	201.2	201.2	140.1	126.4	126.4	133.9	104.1	143.3	185.1	104.1	143.3	185.1
August	202.4	200.8	205.1	205.1	194.6	228.3	228.3	174.8	135.4	188.1	229.5	135.4	188.1	229.5
September	207.0	217.9	180.5	180.5	184.4	212.8	212.8	189.5	188.9	183.1	194.8	188.9	183.1	194.8
October	236.7	236.0	236.3	236.3	222.8	227.9	227.9	186.5	185.6	180.4	197.8	185.6	180.4	197.8
November	231.8	234.7	223.9	223.9	195.9	189.4	189.4	158.7	152.9	165.7	175.8	152.9	165.7	175.8
December	187.1	190.9	176.8	176.8	120.6	139.8	139.8	113.2	108.0	123.4	104.8	108.0	123.4	104.8
1945 - January	218.3	215.3	225.7	225.7	232.0	221.0	221.0	181.8	164.1	204.0	187.8	164.1	204.0	187.8
February	202.6	200.4	211.6	211.6	218.1	215.6	215.6	173.1	172.1	180.6	162.9	172.1	180.6	162.9
March	209.4	206.0	218.9	218.9	223.3	229.0	229.0	191.4	184.7	189.7	205.7	184.7	189.7	205.7
April	220.0	217.5	222.0	222.0	183.5	246.0	246.0	166.6	170.3	163.0	160.1	170.3	163.0	160.1
May	222.0	225.0	212.9	212.9	147.7	196.2	196.2	148.6	152.3	151.7	136.4	152.3	151.7	136.4

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1942 .....	142.2	176.0	141.2	135.6	132.9	161.0	188.4	211.0	211.3	148.1
May, 1943 .....	143.1	182.2	144.9	146.7	126.1	147.3	215.5	237.8	212.8	193.3
May, 1944 .....	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
May, 1945 .....	187.0	235.7	167.4	197.8	171.3	192.0	270.6	267.8	273.1	252.4
1944 - June .....	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July .....	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August ..	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October .	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December ..	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January ...	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March ...	170.5	216.2	143.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April ...	166.5	209.6	150.7	171.3	146.1	181.1	251.5	238.7	252.7	234.4
May .....	187.0	235.7	167.4	197.8	171.3	192.0	270.6	267.8	273.1	252.4

Year and Month	HARDWARE				TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1942 .....	179.1	171.5	177.7	187.7	180.2	179.6	203.1	173.7	155.1
May, 1943 .....	182.5	184.9	163.1	166.7	205.6	208.9	213.7	225.5	163.9
May, 1944 .....	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7
May, 1945 .....	207.4	193.6	197.1	192.2	227.5	283.9	274.2	307.3	240.5
1944 - June ....	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	238.7	228.4
July ....	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	227.2	230.6	223.1	213.6
August ..	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
September	198.0	228.8	215.1	179.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1
October .	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0
November	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	242.7	262.9	231.2	242.1
December	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9
1945 - January .	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5
February	188.7	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	215.1	207.3	224.7	201.1
March ...	217.6	194.7	204.9	196.2	229.2	251.0	266.6	250.7	229.9
April ...	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	241.9	281.4	236.4	205.5
May .....	207.4	193.6	197.1	192.2	227.5	283.9	274.2	307.3	240.5



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JUNE, 1945  
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Sales of wholesale merchants were 9 per cent higher in dollar volume in June of this year than last according to statements received from some 415 wholesale establishments representing nine different lines of wholesale trading. The June increase exceeded by a considerable margin the gain recorded in the corresponding comparison between May of this year and last and was on a par with the average increase for the first six months of 1945 compared with the corresponding period of 1944, which also stood at 9 per cent. The composite index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 207.5 for June, 205.7 for May and at 190.0 for June a year ago.

All regions of the country reported increased sales with gains in the Maritime Provinces, Ontario and British Columbia exceeding those in other parts. Wholesale sales in the Maritime Provinces and in British Columbia were 13 per cent higher in June of this year than last; Ontario sales were up 11 per cent while Quebec and the Prairie Provinces each reported a gain of 6 per cent.

Results for individual trades for which separate figures are compiled show increases over June a year ago for all trades excepting dry goods where a decline of 8 per cent below June of last year was recorded. A marked increase amounting to 23 per cent in dollar volume was recorded by wholesalers specializing in fruits and vegetables. The late Spring season and the consequent increased volume of imported vegetables sold at higher than domestic prices was a factor contributing to this major increase in dollar volume of business for this trade. The automotive equipment trade was up 16 per cent, followed by the drug trade with a gain of 15 per cent. Increases for other trades stand at 10 per cent for hardware and for footwear, 8 per cent for tobacco and confectionery, 6 per cent for the wholesale grocery trade and 5 per cent for the clothing trade.

Inventories carried by wholesalers at the end of June averaged 4 per cent higher than at the end of June, 1944. Stocks carried by the wholesale clothing trade and the grocery trade were unchanged from a year ago. Inventory holdings by the dry goods trade were down 9 per cent from last year and the fruit and vegetable trade was down 18 per cent. The other 5 trades for which figures are available reported increases, these amounting to 28 per cent for the automotive equipment, 22 per cent for footwear, 12 per cent for hardware, 5 per cent for drugs and 4 per cent for tobacco and confectionery.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944			
	Sales		Year-to-date 1945	INVENTORY June, 1945
	(1)	(2)		
	May, 1945 May, 1944	June, 1945 June, 1944	Year-to-date 1944	June, 1944
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 9.5	+16.2	+22.1	+27.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+13.4	+19.6		
Ontario .....	+ 6.4	+14.1		
Western Provinces .....	+10.2	+16.4		
Drugs .....	+ 8.3	+15.2	+ 9.3	+ 5.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 8.3	+15.2		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.2	+15.3		
Clothing .....	-10.8	+ 4.9	+ 1.4	- 0.5
Quebec .....	-11.3	+ 5.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	-10.5	+ 4.8		
Footwear .....	+ 3.8	+10.3	+16.0	+22.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 4.8	- 1.7		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+12.7	+21.0		
Dry Goods .....	-11.0	- 7.5	- 3.3	- 9.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 7.4	- 9.0		
Ontario .....	-11.9	+11.1		
Western Provinces .....	-15.9	-24.4		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 3.9	+22.9	+10.9	-18.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 0.8	+29.2		
Ontario .....	+ 6.5	+22.1		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.2	+20.4		
Groceries .....	+ 8.2	+ 5.9	+ 8.3	0
Maritimes .....	+ 8.5	+13.4		
Quebec .....	+ 7.0	+ 7.0		
Ontario .....	+14.0	+ 3.2		
Prairies .....	+ 6.3	+ 1.4		
British Columbia .....	+ 0.9	+13.2		
Hardware .....	+ 4.7	+ 9.6	+10.9	+11.5
Maritimes .....	- 6.5	+ 2.5		
Quebec .....	+ 3.7	+ 3.0		
Ontario .....	+ 3.8	+12.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.0	+12.4		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+10.9	+ 8.4	+32.1	+ 4.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 8.0	+ 0.4		
Ontario .....	+15.7	+12.2		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.4	+ 8.3		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 6.1	+12.9		
Quebec .....	+ 2.1	+ 5.9		
Ontario .....	+ 8.6	+11.1		
Prairies .....	+ 3.8	+ 5.8		
British Columbia .....	+ 5.5	+12.9		
CANADA .....	+ 5.4	+ 9.2	+ 8.8	+ 4.4

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
June, 1942 .....	167.5	192.0	170.4	174.5	142.8	188.3	124.3	142.2	123.9	118.1	
June, 1943 .....	175.4	208.7	162.2	176.1	164.5	209.2	167.9	171.5	144.6	194.3	
June, 1944 .....	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1	
June, 1945 .....	207.5	254.3	192.7	210.9	193.7	232.5	233.6	273.4	191.6	265.5	
1944 - July .....	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6	
August .....	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7	
September ..	205.4	241.4	203.5	193.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5	
October ..	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1	
November ..	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7	
December ..	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6	
1945 - January ..	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9	
February ..	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1	
March .....	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	213.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2	
April .....	196.5	225.7	191.2	201.8	179.6	215.1	235.6	247.7	202.2	267.5	
May .....	205.7	252.9	186.4	215.6	193.5	224.7	216.4	299.1	176.1	237.9	
June .....	207.5	254.3	192.7	210.9	193.7	232.5	233.6	273.4	191.6	265.5	

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING				FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS				
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA	CANADA	CANADA		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1942 .....	158.8	159.5	155.0		154.6	130.6	162.3		162.3	175.2	168.1		175.2	168.1	129.0		129.0
June, 1943 .....	174.0	171.0	180.9		161.4	157.6	141.7		141.7	148.9	130.8		148.9	130.8	141.5		141.5
June, 1944 .....	184.8	181.1	193.7		145.3	191.0	156.0		156.0	171.1	135.6		171.1	135.6	154.5		154.5
June, 1945 .....	212.9	208.6	223.3		152.4	210.7	144.3		144.3	155.7	120.5		155.7	120.5	192.2		192.2
1944 - July .....	181.7	174.7	201.2		140.1	126.4	133.9		133.9	104.1	143.3		104.1	143.3	185.1		185.1
August .....	202.4	200.8	205.1		194.6	228.3	174.8		174.8	135.4	188.1		135.4	188.1	229.5		229.5
September ..	207.0	217.9	180.5		184.4	212.8	189.5		189.5	188.9	183.1		188.9	183.1	194.8		194.8
October ..	236.7	236.0	236.3		222.8	227.9	186.5		186.5	185.6	180.4		185.6	180.4	197.8		197.8
November ..	231.8	234.7	223.9		195.9	189.4	158.7		158.7	152.9	165.7		152.9	165.7	175.8		175.8
December ..	187.1	190.9	176.8		120.6	139.8	113.2		113.2	108.0	123.4		108.0	123.4	104.8		104.8
1945 - January ..	218.3	215.3	225.7		232.0	221.0	181.8		181.8	164.1	204.0		164.1	204.0	187.8		187.8
February ..	202.6	200.4	211.6		218.1	215.6	173.1		173.1	172.1	180.6		172.1	180.6	162.9		162.9
March .....	209.4	206.0	218.9		223.3	229.0	191.4		191.4	184.7	189.7		184.7	189.7	205.7		205.7
April .....	220.0	217.5	222.0		183.5	246.0	166.6		166.6	170.3	163.0		170.3	163.0	160.1		160.1
May .....	222.0	225.0	212.9		147.4	202.6	147.5		147.5	150.7	150.3		150.7	150.3	136.4		136.4
June .....	212.9	208.6	223.3		152.4	210.7	144.3		144.3	155.7	120.5		155.7	120.5	192.2		192.2

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1942 .....	163.3	189.8	161.9	170.0	139.1	179.0	182.5	213.1	187.4	160.8
June, 1943 .....	162.0	195.7	144.6	165.1	148.0	179.0	224.1	245.5	227.7	207.6
June, 1944 .....	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	183.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
June, 1945 .....	188.4	247.0	168.5	190.6	166.0	209.5	285.6	320.0	268.6	280.2
1944 - July .....	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August .....	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September ..	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October ..	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November ..	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December ..	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January ..	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February ..	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March .....	170.5	216.2	143.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April .....	166.5	209.6	150.7	171.3	146.1	181.1	251.5	238.7	252.7	234.4
May .....	187.2	235.7	169.0	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.4	272.5	273.1	252.4
June .....	188.4	247.0	168.5	190.6	166.0	209.5	285.6	320.0	268.6	280.2

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1942 .....	181.0	181.4	184.1	188.3	180.9	205.0	218.0	205.6	178.9
June, 1943 .....	184.6	190.8	167.0	166.8	208.2	218.5	238.3	212.6	196.6
June, 1944 .....	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	238.7	228.4
June, 1945 .....	211.6	209.6	206.1	209.4	224.9	269.8	274.4	267.8	247.4
1944 - July .....	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	227.2	230.6	223.1	213.6
August ....	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
September ..	198.0	228.8	215.1	179.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1
October ..	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0
November ..	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	242.7	262.9	231.2	242.1
December ..	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9
1945 - January ..	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5
February ..	186.7	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	215.1	207.3	224.7	201.1
March .....	217.6	194.7	204.9	196.2	229.2	251.0	266.6	250.7	229.9
April .....	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	241.9	281.4	236.4	205.5
May .....	205.0	197.6	187.9	192.2	227.5	284.9	274.2	307.1	243.5
June .....	211.6	209.6	206.1	209.4	224.9	269.8	274.4	267.8	247.4



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July wholesale trading advanced 14 per cent over the dollar volume of business transacted in July, 1944, according to statements received from approximately 415 wholesale establishments representing nine different lines of wholesale trading. The July increase is considerably greater than the 9 and 5 per cent gains recorded in the June and May comparisons, a result which may be attributed, in part, to the low level of trading witnessed in July, 1944. July sales declined 1 per cent from the dollar business done in June of this year. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 204.4 for July, 1945; 207.1 for June, 1945; and 179.8 for July, 1944. Cumulative figures for the first seven months of the year increased 10 per cent over the same period in 1944.

All regions of the country reported increased sales but a somewhat smaller gain was recorded in the Prairie Provinces than in other parts of the country. Sales increased 17 per cent in British Columbia, 15 per cent in Quebec and Ontario, 14 per cent in the Maritime Provinces and 10 per cent in the Prairie Provinces.

Substantial gains in trading were reported by all trades under survey excepting the dry goods trade where sales were 7 per cent lower than in July of last year. The fruit and vegetable trade recorded a 24 per cent gain, maintaining the June high level of trading. Footwear sales increased 23 per cent while automotive equipment dealers reported an 18 per cent gain. Hardware sales were up 16 per cent, drug wholesalers transacted 15 per cent more business, and the tobacco and confectionery trade advanced 14 per cent. Gains of 11 and 6 per cent were reported by the grocery and clothing trades respectively.

Inventories in the hands of wholesalers averaged 2 per cent higher than at the end of July, 1944. Declines of 7 and 8 per cent in stock holdings were reported by the dry goods, fruit and vegetables and grocery trades. Stocks on hand at the end of July increased 8 per cent in the drug and clothing trades, 9 per cent in the hardware trade, 13 per cent in the footwear trade, 14 per cent in the tobacco and confectionery trade and 21 per cent in the automotive equipment trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944			
	Sales		Year-to-date 1945 Year-to-date 1944	INVENTORY July, 1945 July, 1944
	(1)	(2)		
	June 1945 June, 1944	July 1945 July 1944		
Automotive Equipment .....	+16.5	+18.2	+19.8	+21.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+19.3	+34.2		
Ontario .....	+14.7	+21.5		
Western Provinces .....	+16.6	+ 9.0		
Drugs .....	+13.9	+14.5	+ 9.8	+ 7.8
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+13.4	+16.2		
Western Provinces .....	+15.3	+10.0		
Clothing .....	+ 1.7	+ 6.3	+ 1.7	+ 8.0
Quebec .....	+ 5.1	+12.0		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 0.3	+ 3.6		
Footwear .....	+10.3	+23.3	+17.2	+12.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 1.7	+ 8.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+21.0	+37.1		
Dry Goods .....	- 7.6	- 6.8	- 3.9	- 6.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 9.5	- 1.3		
Ontario .....	+ 9.4	- 9.4		
Western Provinces .....	-24.4	-11.7		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+21.5	+23.7	+13.0	- 6.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+27.4	+28.9		
Ontario .....	+22.1	+27.6		
Western Provinces .....	+18.2	+17.8		
Groceries .....	+ 6.0	+11.3	+ 8.4	- 7.9
Maritimes .....	+13.3	+14.5		
Quebec .....	+ 7.4	+10.2		
Ontario .....	+ 3.2	+10.1		
Prairies .....	+ 1.5	+ 8.1		
British Columbia .....	+13.2	+19.3		
Hardware .....	+ 9.7	+15.8	+11.3	+ 9.2
Maritimes .....	+ 1.7	+14.9		
Quebec .....	+ 4.5	+21.5		
Ontario .....	+12.6	+12.3		
Western Provinces .....	+12.3	+14.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 8.5	+13.8	+12.5	+14.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 0.8	+ 3.4		
Ontario .....	+12.4	+17.7		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.4	+14.5		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+11.9	+14.0		
Quebec .....	+ 6.3	+15.0		
Ontario .....	+10.7	+14.9		
Prairies .....	+ 6.1	+10.2		
British Columbia .....	+12.9	+16.5		
CANADA .....	+ 9.0	+13.7	+ 9.5	+ 2.1

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1942 .....	155.3	177.8	139.5	152.4	156.5	188.6	127.1	148.8	126.4	118.0
July, 1943 .....	173.2	211.2	150.0	168.9	177.2	206.6	162.2	165.6	148.5	175.0
July, 1944 .....	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6
July, 1945 .....	204.4	242.9	178.6	202.8	210.3	231.8	229.9	283.2	196.5	241.5
1944 - August ...	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7
September ..	205.4	241.4	203.5	193.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5
October ..	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1
November ..	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7
December ..	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6
1945 - January ..	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9
February ..	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1
March .....	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2
April .....	196.5	225.7	191.2	201.8	179.6	215.1	235.6	247.7	202.2	267.5
May .....	205.7	252.9	186.4	215.6	193.5	224.7	216.4	299.1	176.1	237.9
June .....	207.1	252.0	193.5	210.1	194.3	232.5	234.2	272.7	192.6	266.0
July .....	204.4	242.9	178.6	202.8	210.3	231.8	229.9	283.2	196.5	241.5

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1942 .....	156.4	155.4	158.1		134.2		122.8		124.7	100.4	133.1	164.8
July, 1943 .....	178.0	174.4	187.3		146.1		130.7		124.8	101.0	116.6	187.9
July, 1944 .....	181.7	174.7	201.2		140.1		126.4		133.9	104.1	143.3	185.1
July, 1945 .....	208.0	203.0	221.3		148.9		155.9		124.8	102.7	129.8	163.4
1944 - August ...	202.4	200.8	205.1		194.6		228.3		174.8	135.4	188.1	229.5
September ..	207.0	217.9	180.5		184.4		212.8		189.5	188.9	183.1	194.8
October ..	236.7	236.0	236.3		222.8		227.9		186.5	185.6	180.4	197.8
November ..	231.8	234.7	223.9		195.9		189.4		158.7	152.9	165.7	175.8
December ..	187.1	190.9	176.8		120.6		139.8		113.2	108.0	123.4	104.8
1945 - January ..	218.3	215.3	225.7		232.0		221.0		181.8	164.1	204.0	187.8
February ..	202.6	200.4	211.6		218.1		215.6		173.1	172.1	180.6	162.9
March .....	209.4	206.0	218.9		223.3		229.0		191.4	184.7	189.7	205.7
April .....	220.0	217.5	222.0		183.5		246.0		166.6	170.3	163.0	160.1
May .....	222.0	225.0	212.9		147.4		202.6		147.5	150.7	150.3	136.4
June .....	210.5	205.4	223.3		147.8		210.7		144.1	154.8	148.3	116.8
July .....	208.0	203.0	221.3		148.9		155.9		124.8	102.7	129.8	163.4

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1942	155.1	173.4	149.0	148.7	154.9	160.1	164.1	141.1	164.6	179.2
July, 1943	156.4	194.6	146.0	163.7	146.2	156.9	233.5	202.8	223.7	261.6
July, 1944	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
July, 1945	187.8	236.7	165.7	189.6	177.2	192.1	284.5	253.5	279.4	307.8
1944 - August	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March	170.5	216.2	143.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April	166.5	209.6	150.7	171.3	146.1	181.1	251.5	238.7	252.7	234.4
May	187.2	235.7	169.0	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.4	272.5	273.1	252.4
June	188.6	246.8	169.2	190.6	166.2	209.5	284.2	315.6	268.6	275.1
July	187.8	236.7	165.7	189.6	177.2	192.1	284.5	253.5	279.4	307.8

Year and Month	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Maritimes & Quebec	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1942	181.4	162.0	181.8	165.0	190.5	160.4	166.9	160.4	163.0	170.9
July, 1943	179.9	167.0	158.9	138.6	215.1	223.0	215.8	223.0	211.7	199.8
July, 1944	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	230.6	227.2	230.6	223.1	213.6
July, 1945	206.0	192.3	202.2	165.2	231.5	238.4	258.6	238.4	262.6	244.6
1944 - August	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	232.9	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
September	198.0	228.8	215.1	179.7	202.3	250.5	236.3	250.5	231.8	224.1
October	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	259.9	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0
November	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	262.9	242.7	262.9	231.2	242.1
December	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	258.3	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9
1945 - January	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	214.2	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5
February	188.7	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	207.3	215.1	207.3	224.7	201.1
March	217.6	194.7	204.9	196.2	229.2	266.6	251.0	266.6	250.7	229.9
April	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	281.4	241.9	281.4	236.4	205.5
May	205.0	197.6	187.9	192.2	227.5	274.2	284.9	274.2	307.1	243.5
June	211.8	208.0	209.1	209.4	224.7	275.5	270.1	275.5	268.3	247.6
July	206.0	192.8	202.2	165.2	231.5	238.4	258.6	238.4	262.6	244.6



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, AUGUST, 1945  
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The dollar volume of wholesale trading transacted in August of this year increased 8 per cent over the August, 1944, level, according to statements received from some 415 wholesale establishments representing nine different lines of business. The 8 per cent increase is smaller than the 13 per cent gain recorded in July, but compares with the 9 per cent increase registered in the June comparison. August sales advanced 7 per cent over the July volume of trading and 4 per cent over June sales. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 215.8 for August, 1945; 203.5 for July, 1945; and 199.4 for August, 1944. Aggregate sales for the year-to-date are 9 per cent greater than the business transacted during the January-August period of 1944.

Results analysed on a regional basis gave indications of more rapid trading markets in the eastern and western areas of Canada than in the central regions. The Maritime Provinces and British Columbia each recorded a gain of 13 per cent. Ontario sales advanced 9 per cent, Quebec reported a gain of 8 per cent, while business transacted in the Prairie Provinces increased 5 per cent. Smaller increases in the Prairie Provinces, as compared with other regions of the country, have also been evident in the pattern of wholesale trading witnessed in the July and June comparisons.

Clothing sales remained on a par with the August, 1944, volume of sales and the dry goods trade reported a decline of 4 per cent. A minor gain of 4 per cent was recorded by the grocery trade, while more pronounced increases for the other trades under survey were fairly uniform. Sales advanced 16 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade, 15 per cent in the automotive equipment trade, 14 per cent in the footwear trade, 13 per cent in the hardware trade, 12 per cent in the tobacco and confectionery trade, and 10 per cent in the drug trade.

Wholesale stocks on hand at the end of August were valued 2 per cent higher than the inventories carried on the same date of last year. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers reported a 16 per cent drop in stocks, a decline which may be attributed, in part, to domestic fruit crop failures. The grocery trade and the dry goods trade each reported a decrease of 10 per cent in stock holdings while the other trades included in the survey reported increases in stock holdings ranging from 3 per cent in the drug trade to 22 per cent in the automotive equipment trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944			
	Sales			INVENTORY August, 1945 August, 1944
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date 1945	
	July 1945 July 1944	August 1945 August 1944	Year-to-date 1944	
Automotive Equipment .....	+17.4	+14.5	+18.3	+21.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+34.2	+24.2		
Ontario .....	+19.3	+19.2		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.9	+ 7.6		
Drugs .....	+14.5	+10.3	+ 9.7	+ 3.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+16.2	+10.9		
Western Provinces .....	+10.0	+ 8.6		
Clothing .....	+ 4.7	0	+ 1.3	+21.7
Quebec .....	+11.8	- 8.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 1.5	+ 4.2		
Footwear .....	+23.3	+13.7	+16.6	+14.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 8.8	+16.0		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+37.1	+12.1		
Dry Goods .....	- 9.4	- 4.3	- 3.6	- 9.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 1.6	- 3.3		
Ontario .....	- 9.4	+ 0.1		
Western Provinces .....	-19.4	-10.4		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+23.7	+15.6	+13.1	-16.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+28.2	+12.0		
Ontario .....	+27.5	+20.9		
Western Provinces .....	+18.0	+13.3		
Groceries .....	+10.5	+ 3.5	+ 7.6	- 9.6
Maritimes .....	+11.8	+12.4		
Quebec .....	+11.0	+ 3.2		
Ontario .....	+ 8.6	0		
Prairies .....	+ 8.1	- 0.6		
British Columbia .....	+19.3	+13.5		
Hardware .....	+15.9	+13.4	+11.1	+10.0
Maritimes .....	+14.9	+18.1		
Quebec .....	+21.5	+14.1		
Ontario .....	+13.0	+14.9		
Western Provinces .....	+14.6	+12.0		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+14.2	+12.2	+12.6	+18.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.4	+14.0		
Ontario .....	+17.7	+13.7		
Western Provinces .....	+14.9	+ 9.9		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+13.2	+13.1		
Quebec .....	+15.1	+ 8.0		
Ontario .....	+14.2	+ 8.7		
Prairies .....	+ 9.1	+ 4.5		
British Columbia .....	+16.8	+13.1		
CANADA .....	+13.2	+ 8.2	+ 9.1	+ 1.7

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1942	158.5	171.7	146.8	156.2	161.2	167.3	140.8	144.6	119.9	155.4
August, 1943	173.4	197.6	146.9	164.8	189.1	195.1	186.0	183.5	142.4	226.3
August, 1944	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7
August, 1945	215.8	249.8	183.0	212.3	230.6	228.8	254.3	311.4	198.5	280.5
1944 - September	205.4	241.4	203.5	193.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5
October	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1
November	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7
December	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6
1945 - January	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9
February	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1
March	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2
April	196.5	225.7	191.2	201.8	179.6	215.1	235.6	247.7	202.2	267.5
May	205.7	252.9	186.4	215.6	193.5	224.7	216.4	299.1	176.1	237.9
June	207.1	252.0	193.5	210.1	194.3	232.5	234.2	272.7	192.6	266.0
July	203.5	241.2	178.8	201.6	208.2	232.4	228.3	283.2	192.9	241.3
August	215.8	249.8	183.0	212.3	230.6	228.8	254.3	311.4	198.5	280.5

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING				FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Ontario	Western Provinces		
August, 1942	161.6	161.4	160.8	179.3	202.7	170.2	167.0	151.5	173.5	183.4						
August, 1943	173.1	170.3	179.3	205.1	194.8	174.3	148.5	127.6	153.9	177.9						
August, 1944	202.4	200.8	205.1	222.7	194.6	228.3	174.8	135.4	188.1	229.5						
August, 1945	223.2	222.7	222.7	222.7	194.6	259.6	167.3	130.9	188.3	205.6						
1944 - September	207.0	217.9	180.5	236.3	184.4	212.8	189.5	188.9	183.1	194.8						
October	236.7	236.0	236.3	223.9	222.8	227.9	186.5	185.6	180.4	197.8						
November	231.8	234.7	223.9	223.9	195.9	189.4	158.7	152.9	165.7	175.8						
December	187.1	190.9	176.8	225.7	120.0	139.8	113.2	108.0	123.4	104.8						
1945 - January	218.3	215.3	225.7	211.6	232.0	221.0	181.8	164.1	204.0	187.8						
February	202.6	200.4	211.6	218.9	218.1	215.6	173.1	172.1	180.6	202.9						
March	209.4	206.0	218.9	223.3	223.3	229.0	191.4	184.7	189.7	205.7						
April	220.0	217.5	222.0	222.0	183.5	246.0	166.6	170.3	163.0	160.1						
May	222.0	225.0	212.9	212.9	147.4	202.6	147.5	150.7	150.3	136.4						
June	210.5	205.4	223.3	223.3	147.8	210.7	144.1	154.8	148.3	116.8						
July	208.0	203.0	221.3	221.3	146.7	155.9	121.3	102.4	129.8	149.2						
August	223.2	222.7	222.7	222.7	194.6	259.6	167.3	130.9	188.3	205.6						

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Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1942 .....	153.2	167.9	148.5	154.2	147.9	151.2	151.7	115.7	138.2	187.2
August, 1943 .....	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	215.7	141.8	189.9	293.3
August, 1944 .....	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
August, 1945 .....	191.1	237.7	172.4	191.7	179.5	195.6	276.3	177.7	263.8	358.3
1944 - September ..	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October ..	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November ..	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December ..	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January ..	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February ..	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March .....	170.5	216.2	143.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April .....	166.5	209.6	150.7	171.3	146.1	181.1	251.5	238.7	252.7	234.4
May .....	187.2	235.7	169.0	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.4	272.5	273.1	252.4
June .....	188.6	246.8	169.2	190.6	166.2	209.5	284.2	315.6	268.6	275.1
July .....	186.4	231.1	166.9	187.0	177.2	192.1	284.5	252.2	279.2	308.3
August ...	191.1	237.7	172.4	191.7	179.5	195.6	276.3	177.7	263.8	358.3

Year and Month	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1942 ....	167.1	157.2	168.2	136.9	175.7	171.1	178.8	179.3	145.7
August, 1943 ....	174.6	174.5	162.0	125.7	199.6	209.3	213.7	210.1	200.8
August, 1944 ....	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
August, 1945 ....	216.8	208.8	217.7	172.9	230.7	264.3	265.5	274.0	248.0
1944 - September ..	198.0	228.8	215.1	179.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1
October ..	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0
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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA OCTOBER, 1945  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale trading increased 17 per cent in October this year over last, according to statements received from approximately 415 wholesale establishments representing nine different lines of business. The 17 per cent gain is the largest increase recorded in the monthly comparisons between this year and last, and October sales were 9 per cent greater than the dollar business transacted in September. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 237.4 for October, 1945; 217.9 for September, 1945; and 202.6 for October, 1944. Aggregate sales for the year to date are 10 per cent greater than the volume of trading realized in the same period of 1944.

British Columbia reported a substantial gain of 26 per cent while Ontario followed with a 20 per cent increase. Sales were up 18 per cent in the Prairie Provinces, 11 per cent in Quebec and 10 per cent in the Maritime Provinces.

The 17 per cent increase reflects an upward surge in trading for each of the nine lines of business under survey. The automotive equipment trade registered a 41 per cent increase, and this may be attributed, to some extent, to the lifting of various wartime restrictions. A major gain of 31 per cent was reported by fruit and vegetable wholesalers while the hardware trade transacted 28 per cent more business. Footwear sales were up 19 per cent, the tobacco and confectionery trade recorded a 16 per cent gain, and drug sales were 13 per cent higher. Grocery wholesalers registered an 11 per cent gain while clothing sales advanced 7 per cent. Dry goods sales were up 1 per cent.

Wholesale stocks on hand at the end of October, 1945, were valued on a par with inventories held on the same date of last year. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers valued their holdings 21 per cent higher, automotive equipment stocks were up 19 per cent, while footwear inventories increased 14 per cent. Gains of 7 and 8 per cent were reported by the clothing, hardware and drug trades. Inventories held by the dry goods trade were depleted 16 per cent from October, 1944, while stocks declined 11 per cent in the grocery trade and 2 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944			
	Sales			INVENTORY October, 1945 October, 1944
	(1) September 1945	(2) October 1945	Year-to-date 1945	
	September 1944	October 1944	Year-to-date 1944	
Automotive Equipment .....	+24.1	+40.8	+21.9	+19.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+13.4	+49.8		
Ontario .....	+16.0	+36.6		
Western Provinces .....	+35.7	+38.9		
Drugs .....	+ 9.7	+12.6	+10.1	+ 8.7
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 8.6	+11.5		
Western Provinces .....	+12.8	+16.8		
Clothing .....	+ 8.9	+ 6.8	+ 2.8	+ 6.8
Quebec .....	+14.0	+ 5.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 6.6	+ 7.3		
Footwear .....	+13.6	+18.6	+16.5	+13.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.7	- 4.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+20.3	+46.1		
Dry Goods .....	+ 1.1	+ 1.4	- 3.0	-15.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 2.1	- 3.8		
Ontario .....	+ 2.6	+ 9.4		
Western Provinces .....	- 2.5	+ 2.5		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+18.3	+31.1	+15.6	- 1.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+19.3	+36.7		
Ontario .....	+25.9	+32.4		
Western Provinces .....	+13.1	+27.0		
Groceries .....	- 4.6	+10.6	+ 6.6	-10.8
Maritimes .....	- 9.3	+ 6.3		
Quebec .....	- 8.7	+ 2.2		
Ontario .....	- 5.6	+14.0		
Prairies .....	- 2.8	+ 9.8		
British Columbia .....	+ 4.4	+22.3		
Hardware .....	+15.4	+28.1	+13.9	+ 7.8
Maritimes .....	- 0.8	+ 4.4		
Quebec .....	+ 9.6	+21.9		
Ontario .....	+22.1	+31.9		
Western Provinces .....	+17.3	+32.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 6.0	+15.7	+12.2	+21.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 1.0	+11.2		
Ontario .....	+ 8.5	+15.3		
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.1	+18.0		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	- 2.8	+ 9.5		
Quebec .....	+ 4.0	+11.0		
Ontario .....	+ 7.3	+19.9		
Prairies .....	+ 7.1	+17.9		
British Columbia .....	+10.3	+26.4		
CANADA .....	+ 6.1	+17.2	+ 9.8	- 0.2

(1) Revised. (2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA			Maritimes & Quebec			British Columbia			Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	
October, 1942 ..	172.4	193.2	173.6	167.1	164.3	191.1	157.5	181.3	133.2	161.0
October, 1943 ...	176.5	211.0	180.2	167.8	170.2	187.5	182.4	209.9	143.2	199.2
October, 1944 ...	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1
October, 1945 ...	237.4	274.5	232.7	233.6	229.8	251.3	311.7	394.6	256.0	309.9
1944 - November ..	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7
December ..	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6
1945 - January ..	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9
February ..	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1
March ....	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2
April ....	196.5	225.7	191.2	201.8	179.5	215.1	235.6	247.7	202.2	267.5
May .....	205.7	252.9	186.4	215.6	193.5	224.7	216.4	299.1	176.1	237.9
June .....	207.1	252.0	193.5	210.1	194.3	232.5	234.2	272.7	192.6	266.0
July .....	203.5	241.2	178.8	201.6	208.2	232.4	228.3	283.2	192.9	241.3
August ...	216.3	248.7	183.8	213.1	230.4	231.4	254.1	311.4	197.0	280.5
September ..	217.9	234.6	211.6	208.1	228.9	221.6	292.8	297.1	240.2	329.1
October ..	237.4	274.5	232.7	233.6	229.8	251.3	311.7	394.6	256.0	309.9

Year and Month	DRUGS					CLOTHING			FOOTWEAR			DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes		Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario	Western Provinces		
		Que. & Ont.												
October, 1942 ...	196.4	197.3	191.5	227.9	222.7	182.7	188.1	168.3			188.1	203.1		
October, 1943 ...	207.8	207.0	208.0	184.4	188.2	154.4	154.2	151.3			154.2	162.1		
October, 1944 ...	236.7	236.0	236.3	222.8	227.9	186.5	180.4	185.6			180.4	197.8		
October, 1945 ...	266.5	263.1	276.0	238.0	270.3	189.1	197.4	178.5			197.4	202.7		
1944 - November ..	231.8	234.7	223.9	195.9	189.4	158.7	165.7	152.9			165.7	175.8		
December ..	187.1	190.9	176.2	120.6	139.8	113.2	123.4	108.0			123.4	104.8		
1945 - January ..	218.3	215.3	225.7	232.0	221.0	181.8	204.0	164.1			204.0	187.8		
February ..	202.6	200.4	211.6	218.1	215.6	173.1	180.6	172.1			180.6	162.9		
March ....	209.4	206.0	218.9	223.3	229.0	191.4	189.7	184.7			189.7	205.7		
April ....	220.0	217.5	222.0	183.5	246.0	166.6	163.0	170.3			163.0	160.1		
May .....	222.0	225.0	212.9	147.4	202.6	147.5	150.3	150.7			150.3	136.4		
June .....	210.5	205.4	223.3	147.8	210.7	144.1	148.3	154.8			148.3	116.8		
July .....	208.0	203.0	221.3	146.7	155.9	121.3	129.8	102.4			129.8	149.2		
August ...	223.2	222.7	222.7	193.4	259.6	167.3	194.1	130.9			194.1	205.6		
September ..	227.1	236.6	203.6	200.8	241.7	191.6	187.9	192.9			187.9	189.9		
October ..	266.5	263.1	276.0	238.0	270.3	189.1	197.4	178.5			197.4	202.7		

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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1942 ..	163.0	183.6	173.8	158.8	154.6	166.2	157.5	140.3	147.6	175.9
October, 1943 ...	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	209.8	181.8	181.7	250.0
October, 1944 ...	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
October, 1945 ...	202.4	255.0	201.5	205.5	179.6	214.9	286.1	250.0	268.9	318.5
1944 - November ..	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December ..	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January ..	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February ..	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March .....	170.5	216.2	123.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April .....	166.5	209.6	150.7	171.3	146.1	181.1	251.5	238.7	252.7	234.4
May .....	187.2	235.7	169.0	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.4	272.5	273.1	252.4
June .....	188.6	246.8	169.2	190.6	166.2	209.5	284.2	315.6	268.6	275.1
July .....	186.4	231.1	166.9	187.0	177.2	192.1	284.5	252.2	279.2	308.3
August .....	191.1	236.9	172.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.2	183.1	264.0	358.9
September ..	179.6	207.3	165.3	171.7	177.2	204.8	284.7	286.8	253.9	340.7
October ..	202.4	255.0	201.5	208.5	179.6	214.9	286.1	250.0	268.9	318.5

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
October, 1942 ...	173.2	176.2	183.3	147.0	180.2	186.4	169.2	193.3	179.3	
October, 1943 ...	173.5	198.6	169.2	153.5	182.2	231.7	252.3	213.8	217.0	
October, 1944 ...	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0	
October, 1945 ...	247.4	255.9	247.1	229.4	252.5	290.6	289.0	275.1	277.3	
1944 - November ..	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	242.7	262.9	231.2	242.1	
December ..	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9	
1945 - January ..	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5	
February ..	188.7	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	215.1	207.3	224.7	201.1	
March .....	217.6	194.7	204.9	196.2	229.2	251.0	266.6	250.7	229.9	
April .....	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	241.9	281.4	236.4	205.5	
May .....	205.0	197.6	187.9	192.2	227.5	284.9	274.2	307.1	243.5	
June .....	211.8	208.0	209.1	209.4	224.7	270.1	275.5	268.3	247.6	
July .....	206.2	192.8	202.2	166.2	231.5	259.5	238.4	262.6	245.4	
August ...	218.7	208.8	218.1	172.6	235.0	264.4	263.4	275.7	246.0	
September ..	228.5	227.0	235.7	219.4	237.3	251.0	248.0	251.5	237.8	
October ..	247.4	255.9	247.1	229.4	252.5	290.6	289.0	275.1	277.3	



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, NOVEMBER, 1945  
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Wholesale trading increased 13 per cent in November, 1945 over the same month of 1944 according to the available data received from approximately 415 wholesale establishments included in the nine lines of trade under survey. The 13 per cent gain is somewhat smaller than the 17 per cent increase registered in the October comparison, and November dollar sales fell 7 per cent below the October volume of trading. The composite index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 221.5 for November, 1945; 236.8 for October, 1945; and 195.3 for November, 1944. Cumulative sales for the first eleven months of 1945 advanced 10 per cent over sales transacted in the same period of 1944.

Sales were higher in all regions of the country, but increases over November, 1944, were not uniform in the various regions. British Columbia reported a substantial gain of 20 per cent, while Ontario sales were up 19 per cent. The Prairie Provinces transacted 12 per cent more business while smaller increases of 7 and 5 per cent were recorded by Quebec and the Maritime Provinces respectively.

The automotive equipment trade came first in point of view of increased trading and recorded a gain of 37 per cent. The increase is in line with the major gain of 38 per cent registered in the October comparison, these expansions reflecting, in part, continued improvements of available supplies, as well as further postponements of new car purchases due to strike tie-ups. The fruit and vegetable trade followed with a gain of 31 per cent, the dollar value of fruit and vegetable trading being influenced to some extent by the higher prices of imported fruits and vegetables. Hardware sales were up 20 per cent, the footwear trade transacted 16 per cent more business, the tobacco and confectionery trade reported a 14 per cent gain. Drug wholesalers reported 9 per cent more business, the grocery trade registered a 6 per cent gain, while minor increases of 3 and 2 per cent were recorded by the clothing and dry goods trades respectively.

Wholesale inventories at the end of November, 1945, remained on a par with stocks held on the same date of 1944. Increases in inventory holdings ranged from 20 to 25 per cent for the tobacco and confectionery, automotive equipment, and footwear trades. Smaller gains in stocks ranging from 1 to 8 per cent were reported by the drug, clothing and hardware trades. The value of stocks on hand, November 30, 1945, declined by 3 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade, 11 per cent in the grocery trade and 16 per cent in the dry goods trade below the inventories held at the end of November, 1944.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944			
	Sales			INVENTORY November, 1945 November, 1944
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date 1945 Year-to-date 1944	
	October 1945	November 1945		
	October 1944	November 1944		
Automotive Equipment .....	+38.4	+37.3	+23.1	+21.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+49.8	+56.2		
Ontario .....	+30.9	+36.3		
Western Provinces .....	+39.7	+30.7		
Drugs .....	+13.3	+ 9.4	+10.1	+ 1.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+11.9	+ 4.6		
Western Provinces .....	+17.5	+20.0		
Clothing .....	+ 7.4	+ 2.6	+ 2.3	+ 3.4
Quebec .....	+ 6.0	+14.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 8.1	- 3.1		
Footwear .....	+15.8	+15.8	+16.4	+25.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 0.5	+12.9		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+32.1	+18.1		
Dry Goods .....	- 1.2	+ 2.2	- 2.8	-15.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 4.1	+ 1.7		
Ontario .....	+ 1.2	+ 2.0		
Western Provinces .....	+ 0.6	+ 3.2		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+31.8	+30.8	+17.0	- 2.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+36.3	+28.1		
Ontario .....	+34.3	+47.4		
Western Provinces .....	+27.1	+16.8		
Groceries .....	+10.5	+ 5.6	+ 6.5	-10.6
Maritimes .....	+ 6.3	+ 0.9		
Quebec .....	+ 2.7	- 4.5		
Ontario .....	+13.3	+ 7.9		
Prairies .....	+ 9.7	+ 7.8		
British Columbia .....	+22.3	+14.8		
Hardware .....	+27.9	+19.7	+14.2	+ 8.4
Maritimes .....	+ 4.4	+ 0.5		
Quebec .....	+21.9	+11.4		
Ontario .....	+30.6	+30.6		
Western Provinces .....	+32.6	+21.7		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+15.8	+13.6	+12.4	+20.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+10.7	- 1.6		
Ontario .....	+15.6	+20.0		
Western Provinces .....	+18.2	+13.0		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+10.0	+ 4.6		
Quebec .....	+11.1	+ 6.8		
Ontario .....	+19.1	+18.6		
Prairies .....	+17.4	+12.1		
British Columbia .....	+26.2	+19.6		
CANADA .....	+16.9	+13.4	+10.1	- 0.4

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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1942	153.9	178.9	152.2	148.7	146.4	180.3	146.3	155.2	127.6	162.4
November, 1943	172.2	212.7	173.1	164.5	165.3	190.4	169.4	190.0	144.2	187.4
November, 1944	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7
November, 1945	221.5	257.2	207.4	224.7	213.9	240.0	285.6	351.8	238.9	308.1
1944 - December	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6
1945 - January	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9
February	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1
March	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2
April	196.5	225.7	191.2	201.8	179.6	215.1	235.6	247.7	202.2	267.5
May	205.7	252.9	186.4	215.6	193.5	224.7	216.4	299.1	176.1	237.9
June	207.1	252.0	193.5	210.1	194.3	232.5	234.2	272.7	192.6	266.0
July	203.5	241.2	178.8	201.6	208.2	232.4	228.3	283.2	192.9	241.3
August	216.3	248.7	183.8	213.1	230.4	231.4	254.1	311.4	197.0	280.5
September	217.9	234.6	211.6	208.1	228.9	221.6	292.8	297.1	240.2	329.1
October	236.8	275.8	232.9	232.0	228.8	250.9	306.4	394.6	245.3	311.7
November	221.5	257.2	207.4	224.7	213.9	240.0	285.6	351.8	238.9	308.1

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING				FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
November, 1942	178.4	180.5	172.3		203.5		144.9		148.5		137.3		137.3	154.6	175.2	
November, 1943	200.5	199.4	203.5		173.2		174.2		138.6		135.1		135.1	140.7	156.3	
November, 1944	231.8	234.7	223.9		195.9		189.4		158.7		152.9		152.9	165.7	175.8	
November, 1945	253.6	245.5	268.7		201.0		219.3		162.2		155.5		155.5	169.0	181.4	
1944 - December	187.1	190.9	176.8		120.6		139.8		113.2		108.0		108.0	123.4	104.8	
1945 - January	218.3	215.3	225.7		232.0		221.0		181.8		164.1		164.1	204.0	187.8	
February	202.6	200.4	211.6		218.1		215.6		173.1		172.1		172.1	180.6	162.9	
March	209.4	206.0	218.9		223.3		229.0		191.4		184.7		184.7	189.7	205.7	
April	220.0	217.5	222.0		183.5		246.0		166.6		170.3		170.3	163.0	160.1	
May	222.0	225.0	212.9		147.4		202.6		147.5		150.7		150.7	150.3	136.4	
June	210.5	205.4	223.3		147.8		210.7		144.1		154.8		154.8	148.3	116.8	
July	208.0	203.0	221.3		146.7		155.9		121.3		102.4		102.4	129.8	149.2	
August	223.2	222.7	222.7		193.4		259.6		167.3		130.9		130.9	194.1	205.6	
September	227.1	236.6	203.6		200.8		241.7		191.6		192.9		192.9	187.9	189.9	
October	268.2	264.1	277.6		239.3		263.9		184.3		178.0		178.0	182.6	199.0	
November	253.6	245.5	268.7		201.0		219.3		162.2		155.5		155.5	169.0	181.4	

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1942 ...	143.7	173.2	153.6	139.1	129.8	155.5	148.9	150.3	144.8	159.9
November, 1943 ...	156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	201.6	207.1	192.1	217.3
November, 1944 ...	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
November, 1945 ...	195.7	245.0	189.9	202.0	172.4	210.3	270.2	247.7	285.7	278.2
1944 - December ..	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January ...	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February ..	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March .....	170.5	216.2	143.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April .....	166.5	209.6	150.7	171.3	146.1	181.1	251.5	238.7	252.7	234.4
May .....	187.2	235.7	169.0	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.4	272.5	273.1	252.4
June .....	188.6	246.8	169.2	190.6	166.2	209.5	284.2	315.6	268.6	275.1
July .....	186.4	231.1	166.9	187.0	177.2	192.1	284.5	252.2	279.2	308.3
August .....	191.1	236.9	172.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.2	183.1	264.0	358.9
September ..	179.6	207.3	165.3	171.7	177.2	204.8	294.7	286.8	253.9	340.7
October ...	202.2	255.0	202.5	204.3	179.5	214.9	287.6	249.3	272.8	318.8
November ..	195.7	245.0	189.9	202.0	172.4	210.3	270.2	247.7	285.7	278.2

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
November, 1942 ...	167.5	152.2	170.6	145.3	178.5	179.3	169.3	186.2	180.8	
November, 1943 ...	176.5	166.4	181.5	153.4	186.2	222.9	233.3	213.9	225.8	
November, 1944 ...	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	242.7	262.9	231.2	242.1	
November, 1945 ...	236.9	215.4	233.5	229.7	243.9	275.7	258.7	277.4	273.6	
1944 - December ..	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9	
1945 - January ...	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5	
February ..	188.7	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	215.1	207.3	224.7	201.1	
March .....	217.6	194.7	204.9	196.2	229.2	251.0	266.6	250.7	229.9	
April .....	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	241.9	281.4	236.4	205.5	
May .....	205.0	197.6	187.9	192.2	227.5	284.9	274.2	307.1	243.5	
June .....	211.8	208.0	209.1	209.4	224.7	270.1	275.5	268.3	247.6	
July .....	206.2	192.8	202.2	166.2	231.5	259.5	238.4	262.6	245.4	
August .....	218.7	208.8	218.1	172.6	235.0	264.4	263.4	275.7	246.0	
September ..	228.5	227.0	235.7	219.4	237.3	251.0	248.0	251.5	237.8	
October ...	247.0	255.9	247.1	227.1	252.5	290.9	287.7	275.8	277.8	
November ..	236.9	215.4	233.5	229.7	243.9	275.7	258.7	277.4	273.6	



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1945  
(1935-1939 = 100)

December wholesale sales were 15 per cent higher in 1945 than in 1944 according to reports received from approximately 415 wholesale houses representing nine different trades. The 15 per cent gain is in line with the increased trading activities recorded in the latter months of 1945 over the corresponding months of 1944, October and November sales advancing 17 and 13 per cent respectively. December sales declined 12 per cent from the November, 1945 volume of trading - a trend which is characteristic of that season of the year. The December unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 195.6 compared with 221.3 for November, 1945 and 170.8 for December, 1944. Total sales for the year 1945 exceeded 1944 dollar sales by 10 per cent.

The footwear trade reported a major gain of 52 per cent in December, 1945 over 1944 while substantial increases ranging from 27 to 43 per cent were recorded by the fruit and vegetable, hardware and automotive equipment trades. Tobacco and confectionery sales and drug sales averaged 12 per cent higher, clothing sales were up 8 per cent, while grocery wholesalers registered a 5 per cent gain. The dollar volume of dry goods sales remained unchanged from December, 1944.

The automotive equipment trade reported a constant increase in sales in each month of 1945 over 1944 with a decided widening of the spread in the latter months of the year. Cumulative sales for 1945 increased 25 per cent over 1944 sales and 60 per cent over 1943. The gain may be attributed to various factors. The close of hostilities in August brought an end to gasoline rationing, which resulted in increased motor travel stimulating repair work and the need for replacement parts. Long needed tires for automobiles and tractors were released for consumer use while labour strikes in the automobile and steel industries paralyzed the production of new motor vehicles.

The footwear trade realized 18 per cent more business in 1945 than 1944, monthly increases ranging from 4 per cent in May to 52 per cent in December. The availability of supplies for civilian use with smaller demands on producers for the armed forces is reflected in the increase in wholesale footwear trading. Hardware sales for the year gained 15 per cent over 1944, increases recorded in the monthly comparisons ranging from 5 per cent in May to 31 per cent in December. Trading was heaviest in the last three months of the year, which may be attributed, in part, to increased building activities. The fruit and vegetable trade maintained a high level of trading throughout 1945, increased trading recorded in the monthly comparisons reaching a peak in October with a 32 per cent gain, while total sales for the year were 18 per cent above the volume of sales transacted in 1944. Poor domestic crops resulted in an increased demand for imported fruits and vegetables at higher prices which is reflected, to some extent, in the increase in dollar sales of fruit and vegetable wholesalers.

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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1942	147.4	152.3	130.3	149.6	137.5	194.9	126.9	139.0	118.1	139.8
December, 1943	164.1	189.9	155.7	160.4	158.3	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5	146.4
December, 1944	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6
December, 1945	195.6	214.3	182.2	202.8	171.0	243.9	238.2	271.4	191.1	285.1
1945 - January	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9
February	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1
March	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2
April	196.5	225.7	191.2	201.8	179.6	215.1	235.6	247.7	202.2	267.5
May	205.7	252.9	186.4	215.6	193.5	224.7	216.4	299.1	176.1	237.9
June	207.1	252.0	193.5	210.1	194.3	232.5	234.2	272.7	192.6	266.0
July	203.5	241.2	178.8	201.6	208.2	232.4	228.3	283.2	192.9	241.3
August	216.3	248.7	183.8	213.1	230.4	231.4	254.1	311.4	197.0	280.5
September	217.9	234.6	211.6	208.1	228.9	221.6	292.8	297.1	240.2	329.1
October	236.8	275.8	232.9	232.0	228.8	250.9	306.4	394.6	245.3	311.7
November	221.3	256.2	209.0	224.2	214.5	238.4	289.5	348.6	246.8	310.2
December	195.6	214.3	182.2	202.8	171.0	243.9	238.2	271.4	191.1	285.1

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces		
December, 1942	156.2	156.4	156.0	136.5	123.5		107.0		107.0	86.9	121.5	120.3		
December, 1943	189.2	192.4	180.6	113.0	173.4		105.0		105.0	91.8	109.0	121.3		
December, 1944	187.1	190.9	176.8	120.6	139.8		113.2		113.2	108.0	123.4	104.8		
December, 1945	209.4	213.0	198.9	129.9	213.1		112.7		112.7	101.4	131.7	103.0		
1945 - January	218.3	215.3	225.7	232.0	221.0		181.8		181.8	164.1	204.0	187.8		
February	202.6	200.4	211.6	218.1	215.6		173.1		173.1	172.1	180.6	162.9		
March	209.4	206.0	218.9	223.3	229.0		191.4		191.4	184.7	189.7	205.7		
April	220.0	217.5	222.0	183.5	246.0		166.6		166.6	170.3	163.0	160.1		
May	222.0	225.0	212.9	147.4	202.6		147.5		147.5	150.7	150.3	136.4		
June	210.5	205.4	223.3	147.8	210.7		144.1		144.1	154.8	148.3	116.8		
July	208.0	203.0	221.3	146.7	155.9		121.3		121.3	102.4	129.8	149.2		
August	223.2	222.7	222.7	193.4	259.6		167.3		167.3	130.9	194.1	205.6		
September	227.1	236.6	203.6	200.8	241.7		191.6		191.6	192.9	187.9	189.9		
October	268.2	264.1	277.6	239.3	263.9		184.3		184.3	178.0	182.6	199.0		
November	259.4	256.3	268.7	199.8	219.3		162.4		162.4	157.8	166.4	181.8		
December	209.4	213.0	198.9	129.9	213.1		112.7		112.7	101.4	131.7	103.0		



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1942 ..	143.3	154.9	126.1	143.6	134.3	177.4	182.3	162.1	187.9	187.1
December, 1943 ...	155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	234.1	208.1	218.0	258.4
December, 1944 ...	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
December, 1945 ...	170.9	216.8	156.8	186.8	135.6	196.0	295.5	255.8	308.8	301.3
1945 - January ...	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February ..	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March .....	170.5	216.2	143.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April .....	166.5	209.6	150.7	171.3	146.1	181.1	251.5	238.7	252.7	234.4
May .....	187.2	235.7	169.0	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.4	272.5	273.1	252.4
June .....	188.6	246.8	169.2	190.6	166.2	209.5	284.2	315.6	268.6	275.4
July .....	186.4	231.1	166.9	187.0	177.2	192.1	284.5	252.2	279.2	308.3
August .....	191.1	236.9	172.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.2	183.1	264.0	358.9
September ..	179.6	207.3	165.1	171.7	177.2	204.8	294.7	286.8	253.9	340.7
October ...	202.2	255.0	202.5	204.3	179.5	214.9	287.5	249.3	272.8	318.8
November ..	195.5	243.3	191.7	202.7	172.7	208.7	270.6	247.6	286.0	278.7
December ..	170.9	216.8	156.8	186.8	135.6	196.0	295.5	255.8	308.8	301.3

Year and Month	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
December, 1942 ...	147.2	113.0	127.8	140.6	161.8	193.6	181.1	198.4	200.4	
December, 1943 ...	147.6	131.5	143.9	132.7	155.7	222.8	236.3	212.1	225.9	
December, 1944 ...	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9	
December, 1945 ...	204.5	155.6	181.6	206.7	215.0	268.3	258.8	255.0	269.8	
1945 - January ...	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5	
February ..	188.7	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	215.1	207.3	224.7	201.1	
March .....	217.6	194.7	204.9	196.2	229.2	251.0	266.6	250.7	229.9	
April .....	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	241.9	281.4	236.4	205.5	
May .....	205.0	197.6	187.9	192.2	227.5	284.9	274.2	307.1	243.5	
June .....	211.8	208.0	209.1	209.4	224.7	270.1	275.5	268.3	247.6	
July .....	206.2	192.8	202.2	166.2	231.5	259.5	238.4	262.6	245.4	
August .....	218.7	208.8	218.1	172.6	235.0	264.4	263.4	275.7	246.0	
September ..	228.5	227.0	235.7	219.4	237.3	251.0	248.0	251.5	237.8	
October ...	247.0	255.9	247.1	227.1	252.5	290.9	287.7	275.8	277.8	
November ..	236.9	215.4	233.5	226.6	244.7	274.0	256.6	277.4	274.5	
December ..	204.5	155.6	181.6	206.7	215.0	268.3	258.8	255.0	269.8	





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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1946  
(1935-1939 = 100)

January wholesale trading increased 19 per cent in 1946 over 1945 according to statements received from approximately 415 wholesale establishments in Canada representing nine different lines of trade. The 19 per cent increase is in line with the high level of trading recorded in the last three months of 1945, monthly increases ranging from 13 to 17 per cent over the corresponding months of 1944. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935 - 1939 = 100 stands at 217.5 for January, 1946 compared with 195.9 for December, 1945 and 182.3 for January, 1945.

The 19 per cent gain for January, 1946 reflects an increasing turnover of merchandise in all regions of the country, sales in Ontario and the western provinces advancing more rapidly than in the east. Trading advanced 15 per cent in the Maritime Provinces; 12 per cent in Quebec; 23 per cent in Ontario; and 21 per cent both in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia over the corresponding month of 1945.

Sales of wholesale automotive equipment were 80 per cent greater for January, 1946 than for 1945, resulting from both an increased supply of these commodities for consumer use and a ready market for this equipment. Hardware sales were up 32 per cent, which is in line with the expanding pattern in hardware trading witnessed in the latter half of 1945. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers transacted 23 per cent more business, clothing sales were up 20 per cent, while the drug trade and the tobacco and confectionery trade each recorded a 14 per cent gain. Grocery sales were 13 per cent higher, the dry goods trade reported a 10 per cent increase, and a minor gain of 3 per cent was registered by the footwear trade.

Total inventories on hand at the end of January, 1946 were valued 4 per cent greater than the stocks held on the same date of last year. Increases in stock holdings ranged from 3 per cent in the drug trade to 28 per cent in the automotive equipment trade. Three trades reported smaller stocks on hand at the end of January this year than last, the inventory position declining 7 per cent in the dry goods trade, 7 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade, and 4 per cent in the grocery trade.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	
	December 1945 December 1944	January 1946 January 1945	
			January, 1946 January, 1945
Automotive Equipment .....	+41.8	+79.8	+28.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+65.2	+72.2	
Ontario .....	+25.9	+69.9	
Western Provinces .....	+48.2	+92.7	
Drugs .....	+ 7.4	+13.8	+ 3.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 6.2	+14.2	
Western Provinces .....	+11.0	+12.9	
Clothing .....	+11.6	+20.1	+20.8
Quebec .....	+ 9.5	+13.2	
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+13.2	+22.5	
Footwear .....	+52.4	+ 2.8	+21.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+90.0	-11.4	
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+21.8	+22.2	
Dry Goods .....	- 0.9	+ 9.5	- 6.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 5.9	+ 8.6	
Ontario .....	+ 4.7	+13.9	
Western Provinces .....	- 0.6	+ 6.6	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+27.5	+22.7	- 6.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+26.2	+ 4.7	
Ontario .....	+31.9	+39.0	
Western Provinces .....	+24.2	+19.2	
Groceries .....	+ 5.0	+12.6	- 4.4
Maritimes .....	+ 6.4	+12.6	
Quebec .....	+ 1.4	+ 8.0	
Ontario .....	+ 8.4	+15.9	
Prairies .....	+ 2.0	+11.5	
British Columbia .....	+ 6.4	+11.5	
Hardware .....	+30.7	+32.2	+ 7.2
Maritimes .....	+18.2	+19.8	
Quebec .....	+25.8	+30.5	
Ontario .....	+36.2	+41.6	
Western Provinces .....	+31.9	+30.4	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+12.2	+13.8	+27.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 1.8	+ 9.3	
Ontario .....	+11.6	+ 8.6	
Western Provinces .....	+18.4	+21.5	
Wholesale Trade --			
Maritimes .....	+ 7.6	+15.0	
Quebec .....	+13.0	+11.8	
Ontario .....	+16.4	+22.9	
Prairies .....	+11.9	+21.0	
British Columbia .....	+23.4	+21.0	
CANADA .....	+14.7	+19.3	+ 3.5

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA (Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1943	142.2	140.8	136.5	149.7	127.1	168.4	127.9	112.5	136.5	130.2
January, 1944	159.5	176.8	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0
January, 1945	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9
January, 1946	217.5	233.0	183.6	232.9	207.9	251.9	366.1	323.6	337.9	423.7
1945 - February	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1
March	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2
April	196.5	225.7	191.2	201.8	179.6	215.1	235.6	247.7	202.2	267.5
May	205.7	252.9	186.4	215.6	193.5	224.7	216.4	299.1	176.1	237.9
June	207.1	252.0	193.5	210.1	194.3	232.5	234.2	272.7	192.6	266.0
July	203.5	241.2	178.8	201.6	208.2	232.4	228.3	283.2	192.9	241.3
August	216.3	248.7	183.8	213.1	230.4	231.4	254.1	311.4	197.0	280.5
September	217.9	234.6	211.6	208.1	228.9	221.6	292.8	297.1	240.2	329.1
October	236.8	275.8	232.9	232.0	228.8	250.9	306.4	394.6	245.3	311.7
November	221.3	256.2	209.0	224.2	214.5	238.4	289.5	348.6	246.8	310.2
December	195.9	216.0	183.3	202.8	171.7	244.7	236.0	271.4	188.7	284.0
1946 - January	217.5	233.0	183.6	232.9	207.9	251.9	366.1	323.6	337.9	423.7

Year and Month	DRUGS					CLOTHING					FOOTWEAR					DRY GOODS				
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec
January, 1943	172.7	173.6	168.0	186.0	159.7	174.9	169.5	195.2	161.1											
January, 1944	197.9	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	187.8	165.4	204.6	209.8											
January, 1945	218.3	215.3	225.7	232.0	221.0	181.8	164.1	204.0	187.8											
January, 1946	248.4	245.9	254.8	278.6	227.2	199.1	178.2	232.4	200.2											
1945 - February	202.6	200.4	211.6	218.1	215.6	173.1	172.1	180.6	162.9											
March	209.4	206.0	218.9	223.3	229.0	191.4	184.7	189.7	205.7											
April	220.0	217.5	222.0	183.5	246.0	166.6	170.3	163.0	160.1											
May	222.0	225.0	212.9	147.4	202.6	147.5	150.7	150.3	136.4											
June	210.5	205.4	223.3	147.8	210.7	144.1	154.8	148.3	116.8											
July	208.0	203.0	221.3	146.7	155.9	121.3	102.4	129.8	149.2											
August	223.2	222.7	222.7	193.4	259.6	167.3	130.9	194.1	205.6											
September	227.1	236.6	203.6	200.8	241.7	191.6	192.9	187.9	189.9											
October	268.2	264.1	277.6	239.3	263.9	184.3	178.0	182.6	199.0											
November	259.4	256.3	268.7	199.8	219.3	162.4	157.8	166.4	181.8											
December	200.9	202.7	196.2	134.6	213.1	112.2	101.6	129.2	104.2											
1946 - January	248.4	245.9	254.8	278.6	227.2	199.1	178.2	232.4	200.2											

**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1943	124.8	145.9	108.3	128.1	114.7	135.6	141.5	127.5	164.5	121.0
January, 1944	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
January, 1945	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
January, 1946	186.1	237.4	143.2	202.5	163.2	204.2	231.7	176.2	269.1	220.6
1945 - February	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March	170.5	216.2	143.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April	166.5	209.6	150.7	171.3	146.1	181.1	251.5	238.7	252.7	234.4
May	187.2	235.7	169.0	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.4	272.5	273.1	252.4
June	188.6	246.8	169.2	190.6	166.2	209.5	284.2	315.6	268.6	275.1
July	186.4	231.1	166.9	187.0	177.2	192.1	284.5	252.2	279.2	308.3
August	191.1	236.9	172.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.2	183.1	264.0	358.9
September	179.6	207.3	165.3	171.7	177.2	204.8	294.7	286.8	253.9	340.7
October	202.2	255.0	202.5	204.3	179.5	214.9	287.6	249.3	272.8	318.8
November	195.5	243.3	191.7	202.7	172.7	208.7	270.6	247.6	286.0	278.7
December	171.0	216.8	157.8	186.8	136.0	196.0	296.7	269.7	301.0	301.3
1946 - January	186.1	237.4	143.2	202.5	163.2	204.2	231.7	176.2	269.1	220.6

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1943	149.2	108.5	153.4	127.2	171.9	159.9	153.9	161.3	149.4
January, 1944	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.2	185.3	182.6	181.7
January, 1945	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5
January, 1946	228.7	174.1	239.9	196.5	259.2	254.8	234.1	254.7	247.3
1945 - February	188.7	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	215.1	207.3	224.7	201.1
March	217.6	194.7	204.9	196.2	229.2	251.0	266.6	250.7	229.9
April	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	241.9	281.4	236.4	205.5
May	205.0	197.6	187.9	192.2	227.5	284.9	274.2	307.1	243.5
June	211.8	208.0	209.1	209.4	224.7	270.1	275.5	268.3	247.5
July	206.2	192.8	202.2	166.2	231.5	259.5	238.4	262.6	245.4
August	218.7	208.8	218.1	172.6	235.0	264.4	263.4	275.7	246.0
September	228.5	227.0	235.7	219.4	237.3	251.0	248.0	251.5	237.8
October	247.0	255.9	247.1	227.1	252.5	290.9	287.7	275.8	277.8
November	236.9	215.4	233.5	226.6	244.7	274.0	256.6	277.4	274.5
December	204.5	159.0	186.1	203.8	215.0	268.5	262.9	261.8	269.8
1946 - January	228.7	174.1	239.9	196.5	259.2	254.8	234.1	254.7	247.3



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1946  
(1935-1939 = 100)

February wholesale trading advanced 18 per cent this year over sales transacted in February, 1945, according to statements received from approximately 415 of the larger wholesale establishments in Canada representing nine lines of business. The 18 per cent gain is in line with the 19 per cent increase recorded in the January comparison but February dollar sales were 3 per cent lower than the volume of January trading. The composite index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 210.9 for February, 1946; 216.8 for January, 1946; and 178.6 for February, 1945.

Results on a regional basis revealed smaller gains in the eastern provinces than in the west. Sales increased 9 per cent in the Maritime Provinces, 14 per cent in Quebec, 17 per cent in Ontario, 22 per cent in the Prairie Provinces and 23 per cent in British Columbia.

While each of the nine trades under survey recorded increased trading activities, gains for the individual kinds of business were not uniform. Automotive equipment sales were up 45 per cent over February, 1945 and a substantial gain of 37 per cent was reported by the hardware trade. The major gains recorded for both these trades reflect to a large extent the release of consumer goods and the increase of available supplies.

The fruit and vegetable trade reported a gain of 26 per cent, drug sales were up 12 per cent; grocery wholesalers transacted 11 per cent more business. The clothing trade and the footwear trade each recorded an 11 per cent gain while dry goods sales were up 8 per cent. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers transacted 7 per cent more business in February, 1946 than 1945.

The wholesale inventory position at the end of February this year advanced 2 per cent over the valuation placed on stocks on hand at the end of February, 1945. Dry goods and grocery inventories fell below the stock holdings reported for the corresponding month of the previous year. Fruit and vegetable stocks remained on a par with those held at the end of February, 1945. Increases in supplies for the other trades ranged from 6 per cent for the drug trade to 27 per cent for the automotive equipment trade.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	
	January 1946 January 1945	February 1946 February 1945	
Automotive Equipment .....	+75.1	+45.3	+27.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+74.3	+31.0	
Ontario .....	+66.3	+51.3	
Western Provinces .....	+83.0	+47.0	
Drugs .....	+13.6	+12.3	+ 5.7
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+13.8	+11.1	
Western Provinces .....	+12.9	+15.7	
Clothing .....	+21.3	+10.9	+22.8
Quebec .....	+14.7	+22.0	
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+23.3	+ 6.0	
Footwear .....	+ 4.2	+10.5	+15.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-11.3	+ 1.9	
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+21.4	+17.6	
Dry Goods .....	+10.7	+ 7.9	-10.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 8.2	+ 9.6	
Ontario .....	+18.5	+ 8.1	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.8	+ 4.6	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+21.9	+26.3	+ 0.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.6	+12.3	
Ontario .....	+34.9	+27.5	
Western Provinces .....	+19.3	+33.5	
Groceries .....	+12.3	+11.3	- 6.8
Maritimes .....	+12.1	+ 4.4	
Quebec .....	+ 6.6	+15.2	
Ontario .....	+15.9	+ 6.0	
Prairies .....	+11.8	+15.3	
British Columbia .....	+11.5	+19.4	
Hardware .....	+32.1	+37.4	+ 7.2
Maritimes .....	+19.8	+56.5	
Quebec .....	+30.5	+32.4	
Ontario .....	+40.5	+53.4	
Western Provinces .....	+30.4	+33.1	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+13.5	+ 6.8	+20.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 9.3	- 6.0	
Ontario .....	+ 8.7	+ 9.3	
Western Provinces .....	+21.3	+10.6	
Wholesale Trade --			
Maritimes .....	+14.1	+ 8.9	
Quebec .....	+11.6	+14.4	
Ontario .....	+22.5	+17.1	
Prairies .....	+20.2	+22.3	
British Columbia .....	+21.1	+23.2	
CANADA .....	+18.9	+18.1	+ 2.2

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1943	148.5	145.5	150.7	149.8	134.3	170.6	130.2	134.3	117.3	140.5
February, 1944	168.8	174.9	164.6	166.0	161.8	191.4	183.7	199.4	159.2	198.0
February, 1945	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1
February, 1946	210.9	203.8	195.1	213.2	205.3	242.5	307.0	335.1	253.6	338.9
1945 - March	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2
April	196.5	225.7	191.2	201.8	179.6	215.1	235.6	247.7	202.2	267.5
May	205.7	252.9	186.4	215.6	193.5	224.7	216.4	299.1	175.1	237.9
June	207.1	252.0	193.5	210.1	194.3	232.5	234.2	272.7	192.6	266.0
July	203.5	241.2	178.8	201.6	208.2	232.4	228.3	283.2	192.9	241.3
August	216.3	248.7	183.8	213.1	230.4	231.4	254.1	311.4	197.0	280.5
September	217.9	234.6	211.6	208.1	228.9	221.6	292.8	297.1	240.2	329.1
October	236.8	275.8	232.9	232.0	228.8	250.9	306.4	394.6	245.3	311.7
November	221.3	256.2	209.0	224.2	214.5	238.4	289.5	348.6	246.8	310.2
December	195.9	216.0	183.3	202.8	171.7	244.7	236.0	271.4	188.7	284.0
1946 - January	216.8	231.2	183.2	232.1	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	402.4
February	210.9	203.8	195.1	213.2	203.3	242.5	307.0	335.1	253.6	338.9

Year and Month	DRUGS					CLOTHING			FOOTWEAR			DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	Maritimes & Quebec	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1943	172.0	173.2	170.2	204.4	171.5	194.0	173.6	171.5	190.2	171.5	190.2	171.5	190.2	153.5
February, 1944	195.4	193.1	204.4	204.4	175.6	186.8	174.3	175.6	175.9	175.6	175.9	175.6	175.9	168.1
February, 1945	202.6	200.4	211.6	211.6	172.1	215.6	173.1	172.1	180.6	172.1	180.6	172.1	180.6	162.9
February, 1946	227.5	222.6	244.8	244.8	188.6	238.2	186.8	188.6	195.2	188.6	195.2	188.6	195.2	170.4
1945 - March	209.4	206.0	218.9	218.9	191.4	229.0	191.4	184.7	189.7	184.7	189.7	184.7	189.7	205.7
April	220.0	217.5	222.0	222.0	166.6	246.0	166.6	170.3	163.0	170.3	163.0	170.3	163.0	160.1
May	222.0	225.0	212.9	212.9	147.5	202.6	147.5	150.7	150.3	150.7	150.3	150.7	150.3	136.4
June	210.5	205.4	223.3	223.3	144.1	210.7	144.1	154.8	148.3	154.8	148.3	154.8	148.3	116.8
July	208.0	203.0	221.3	221.3	121.3	155.9	121.3	102.4	129.8	102.4	129.8	102.4	129.8	149.2
August	223.2	222.7	222.7	222.7	167.3	259.6	167.3	130.9	194.1	130.9	194.1	130.9	194.1	205.6
September	227.1	236.6	203.6	203.6	191.6	241.7	191.6	192.9	187.9	192.9	187.9	192.9	187.9	189.9
October	268.2	264.1	277.6	277.6	184.3	263.9	184.3	178.0	182.6	178.0	182.6	178.0	182.6	199.0
November	259.4	256.3	268.7	268.7	162.4	219.3	162.4	157.8	166.4	157.8	166.4	157.8	166.4	181.8
December	200.9	202.7	196.2	196.2	112.2	213.1	112.2	101.6	129.2	101.6	129.2	101.6	129.2	104.2
1946 - January	248.0	245.0	254.8	254.8	201.3	230.1	201.3	177.6	241.7	177.6	241.7	177.6	241.7	193.1
February	227.5	222.6	244.8	244.8	186.8	238.2	186.8	188.6	195.2	188.6	195.2	188.6	195.2	170.4

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1959 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1943	129.5	145.9	118.7	129.7	119.6	147.4	159.3	175.9	168.2	141.2
February, 1944	148.9	173.0	133.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
February, 1945	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
February, 1946	173.2	194.3	146.6	176.9	161.4	203.0	242.9	233.8	245.9	240.8
1945 - March	170.5	216.2	143.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April	166.5	209.6	150.7	171.3	146.1	181.1	251.5	238.7	252.7	234.4
May	187.2	235.7	169.0	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.4	272.5	273.1	252.4
June	188.6	246.8	169.2	190.6	166.2	209.5	284.2	315.6	268.6	275.1
July	186.4	231.1	166.9	187.0	177.2	192.1	284.5	252.2	279.2	308.3
August	191.1	236.9	172.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.2	183.1	264.0	358.9
September	179.6	207.3	165.3	171.7	177.2	204.8	294.7	286.8	253.9	340.7
October	202.2	255.0	202.5	204.3	179.5	214.9	287.6	249.3	272.8	318.8
November	195.5	243.3	191.7	202.7	172.7	208.7	270.6	247.6	286.0	278.7
December	171.0	216.8	157.8	186.8	136.0	196.0	296.7	269.7	301.0	301.3
1946 - January	185.6	236.3	141.4	202.5	163.7	204.2	230.1	176.0	261.2	220.8
February	173.2	194.3	146.6	176.9	161.4	203.0	242.9	233.8	245.9	240.8

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
February, 1943	155.5	118.6	140.4	129.0	174.6	159.9	153.8	162.2	153.9	
February, 1944	177.0	135.1	149.0	146.8	204.1	191.4	183.3	192.4	187.8	
February, 1945	188.7	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	215.1	207.3	224.7	201.1	
February, 1946	259.3	229.0	221.9	240.7	282.6	229.7	194.9	245.6	222.4	
1945 - March	217.6	194.7	204.9	196.2	229.2	251.0	266.6	250.7	229.9	
April	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	241.9	281.4	236.4	205.5	
May	205.0	197.6	187.9	192.2	227.5	284.9	274.2	307.1	243.5	
June	211.8	208.0	209.1	209.4	224.7	270.1	275.5	268.3	247.6	
July	206.2	192.8	202.2	166.2	231.5	259.5	238.4	262.6	245.4	
August	218.7	208.8	218.1	172.6	235.0	264.4	263.4	275.7	246.0	
September	228.5	227.0	235.7	219.4	237.3	251.0	248.0	251.5	237.8	
October	247.0	255.9	247.1	227.1	252.5	290.9	287.7	275.8	277.8	
November	236.9	215.4	233.5	226.6	244.7	274.0	256.6	277.4	274.5	
December	204.5	159.0	186.1	203.8	215.0	268.5	262.9	261.8	269.8	
1946 - January	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.1	234.1	254.9	246.8	
February	259.3	229.0	221.9	240.7	282.6	229.7	194.9	245.6	222.4	



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, MARCH, 1946

Wholesale sales transacted in March of this year were 16 per cent greater than the dollar volume of sales obtained in March, 1945, according to statements received from approximately 415 of the larger wholesale establishments in Canada representing nine lines of business. The 16 per cent gain is in line with the high level of trading reported for the first two months of the year, sales increasing over the corresponding months of the previous year by 18 and 19 per cent for February and January, respectively. The general index of sales on the base 1935 - 1939=100 stands at 234.2 for March, 1946; 210.4 for February, 1946; and 201.4 for March, 1945. Cumulative sales for the first quarter of this year stand 18 per cent above sales transacted in the corresponding three months of 1945.

The 16 per cent gain reflects an increase in trading in all regions of the country, but results for the individual regions varied considerably. Sales advanced 6 per cent in the Maritime Provinces, 15 per cent in Quebec, 17 per cent in Ontario, 20 per cent in the Prairie Provinces and 15 per cent in British Columbia.

Substantial gains over March, 1945 were reported by the following trades; automotive equipment, 44 per cent; hardware, 30 per cent; footwear, 28 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 26 per cent. The drug, grocery, tobacco and confectionery trades each recorded 10 per cent more business transacted. Clothing sales were up 6 per cent, while dry goods wholesalers reported a 2 per cent gain in trading.

Wholesale inventories on hand at the end of March, 1946 were valued 5 per cent higher than the stocks reported on hand at the close of March, 1945. The automotive equipment trade and the footwear trade reported increases of 38 and 25 per cent respectively in their stock holdings. Other trades reporting increases in inventory holdings were as follows; clothing, 16 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 11 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 10 per cent; hardware, 7 per cent. Declines in inventories ranging from 1 to 5 per cent were reported by the grocery trade, drug trade and dry goods trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY March, 1946 March, 1945
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date 1946	
	February 1946	March 1946	Year-to-date 1945	
	February 1945	March 1945		
Automotive Equipment .....	+45.9	+43.7	+54.3	+37.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+38.4	+32.7		
Ontario .....	+51.5	+57.1		
Western Provinces .....	+45.5	+39.8		
Drugs .....	+12.4	+ 9.7	+11.9	- 1.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+11.3	+ 8.9		
Western Provinces .....	+15.7	+12.8		
Clothing .....	+11.0	+ 5.9	+12.9	+15.8
Quebec .....	+22.0	+12.6		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+ 6.2	+ 2.4		
Footwear .....	+10.5	+28.3	+14.4	+24.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 1.9	+32.6		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+17.6	+24.9		
Dry Goods .....	+ 9.7	+ 1.9	+ 7.3	- 5.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+14.7	+ 5.8		
Ontario .....	+ 8.1	- 0.7		
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.9	- 0.6		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+26.3	+25.9	+24.8	+11.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+12.3	+ 9.6		
Ontario .....	+27.5	+32.5		
Western Provinces .....	+33.5	+29.0		
Groceries .....	+11.1	+ 9.8	+11.0	- 1.0
Maritimes .....	+ 4.4	+ 5.6		
Quebec .....	+14.8	+13.2		
Ontario .....	+ 5.4	+ 8.6		
Prairies .....	+15.2	+12.2		
British Columbia .....	+19.4	+ 8.8		
Hardware .....	+37.0	+30.4	+33.1	+ 6.8
Maritimes .....	+35.8	+19.7		
Quebec .....	+32.4	+30.4		
Ontario .....	+52.7	+39.5		
Western Provinces .....	+33.3	+27.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 6.9	+ 9.7	+10.1	+ 9.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 5.3	+ 4.4		
Ontario .....	+ 9.5	+ 5.6		
Western Provinces .....	+10.2	+16.0		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 8.9	+ 6.2		
Quebec .....	+15.6	+15.1		
Ontario .....	+16.8	+17.0		
Prairies .....	+21.8	+20.3		
British Columbia .....	+23.1	+14.7		
CANADA .....	+18.0	+16.3	+17.7	+ 4.8

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1943	175.9	186.1	176.7	175.2	162.0	201.7	137.5	138.3	132.0	143.9
March, 1944	190.7	214.2	185.7	191.0	180.8	205.3	183.3	179.9	163.2	205.5
March, 1945	201.4	219.6	195.2	202.7	191.5	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.5	263.5
March, 1946	234.2	233.2	224.7	237.2	230.4	251.5	338.3	324.5	319.7	368.4
1945 - April	197.3	226.1	194.4	202.2	179.7	215.1	238.0	160.1	202.2	267.5
May	205.9	253.6	187.1	215.4	193.6	224.9	213.5	296.9	168.5	237.9
June	206.9	250.6	184.0	210.5	194.1	236.7	235.3	280.4	192.6	265.1
July	203.7	240.6	179.4	201.2	208.2	233.6	228.3	281.8	192.9	241.3
August	216.3	250.0	183.6	212.9	230.6	231.7	254.3	309.0	197.0	280.5
September	217.7	237.9	210.8	208.1	228.9	221.6	293.6	300.3	239.4	329.1
October	237.2	277.3	233.7	231.8	229.8	250.7	308.6	399.4	249.1	311.7
November	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
December	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
1946 - January	217.1	231.4	183.9	235.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
February	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March	234.2	233.2	224.7	237.2	230.4	251.5	338.3	324.5	319.7	368.4

Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR						DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1943	186.1	181.2	200.3	199.9	190.5	180.3	180.3	181.6	173.7	187.3
March, 1944	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	187.9	187.9	190.5	182.4	209.0
March, 1945	209.4	206.0	218.9	223.3	226.0	186.2	186.2	182.3	189.7	205.7
March, 1946	229.7	224.3	246.9	236.5	290.0	189.7	189.7	192.9	188.4	204.5
1945 - April	220.0	217.5	222.0	182.8	246.0	167.9	167.9	172.8	163.3	160.1
May	222.0	225.0	212.9	148.7	202.6	147.4	147.4	150.3	150.3	136.4
June	210.5	205.4	223.3	144.7	210.7	143.5	143.5	153.2	148.9	116.8
July	208.0	203.0	221.3	146.7	155.9	121.8	121.8	103.2	129.7	149.2
August	223.2	222.7	222.7	193.2	263.5	168.9	168.9	131.9	192.2	205.6
September	227.1	236.6	203.6	199.2	243.9	191.3	191.3	192.2	187.9	189.9
October	268.2	264.1	277.7	238.6	263.9	184.6	184.6	178.4	184.0	199.0
November	259.4	256.3	268.7	200.2	219.3	162.0	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8
December	198.3	199.2	196.2	116.9	219.0	113.4	113.4	198.4	130.2	113.7
1946 - January	246.4	243.3	254.8	280.8	230.1	201.7	201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1
February	227.7	223.0	244.8	232.7	238.2	189.9	189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6
March	229.7	224.3	246.9	236.5	290.0	189.7	189.7	192.9	188.4	204.5

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1943 .....	153.3	182.3	140.9	156.0	142.7	150.2	206.2	218.4	209.5	187.6
March, 1944 .....	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
March, 1945 .....	170.5	215.8	143.7	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.3
March, 1946 .....	187.2	227.9	162.7	190.9	172.7	209.2	300.0	263.6	323.8	284.2
1945 - April .....	166.6	209.6	150.4	171.3	146.3	181.1	256.1	266.4	252.1	233.8
May .....	187.4	236.5	169.3	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.1	274.9	272.6	252.4
June .....	188.8	246.8	169.8	190.6	166.2	209.5	281.2	300.9	273.3	275.1
July .....	186.6	231.1	167.1	187.0	177.1	192.1	288.0	262.0	279.2	308.3
August .....	191.1	236.9	171.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.7	184.1	264.0	358.9
September ..	179.6	207.3	165.4	171.7	177.2	204.8	296.4	288.7	256.6	340.7
October .....	203.1	255.0	204.1	204.3	182.3	214.9	288.5	250.9	272.4	318.8
November ..	195.8	243.3	193.7	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.4	241.9	286.0	278.7
December ..	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.2	270.3	302.9	301.8
1946 - January ...	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.6	261.2	220.8
February ..	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
March .....	187.2	227.9	162.7	190.9	172.7	209.2	300.0	263.6	323.7	284.2

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1943 .....	188.2	146.9	173.9	164.0	204.7	221.3	243.9	209.7	209.9
March, 1944 .....	195.9	194.5	175.3	186.0	204.1	224.6	252.2	210.7	213.7
March, 1945 .....	217.8	195.1	204.9	196.2	229.2	249.3	263.8	246.7	229.7
March, 1946 .....	284.0	233.5	267.2	273.7	292.5	273.5	275.4	260.5	266.5
1945 - April .....	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	243.5	281.4	238.2	205.5
May .....	205.4	200.0	187.9	192.4	227.5	286.4	275.6	308.9	244.7
June .....	211.2	208.0	201.8	209.4	224.7	267.4	260.5	266.7	250.0
July .....	203.5	192.8	190.0	166.2	231.5	258.4	236.8	260.6	246.6
August .....	218.9	208.8	218.5	172.6	235.0	265.1	264.0	276.8	246.7
September ..	228.6	242.4	235.7	217.1	237.3	250.5	248.0	251.3	238.2
October ...	246.6	259.8	247.7	227.1	252.5	290.6	286.9	274.3	277.5
November ..	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8
December ..	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6
1946 - January ...	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1
February ...	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4
March .....	284.0	233.5	267.2	273.7	292.5	273.5	275.4	260.5	266.5



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, APRIL, 1946

Measured by dollar volume, April wholesale trading was 21 per cent heavier this year than last and gained approximately 2 per cent over the March volume of sales. These data are based on returns received from some 415 of the larger wholesale establishments representing nine lines of business. The 21 per cent increase is larger than the 16 per cent gain recorded in the March comparison and is in line with the high level of trading witnessed for the first two months of the year. The composite index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 238.1 for April, 1946; 234.0 for March, 1946; and 197.3 for April, 1945. Aggregate sales for the year to date advanced 18 per cent over the volume of trading transacted in the first four months of 1945.

An analysis of sales on a regional basis revealed smaller gains in the eastern areas of Canada than in Ontario and the western provinces. Sales were up 8 per cent in the Maritime Provinces, 14 per cent in Quebec, 21 per cent in Ontario, 30 per cent in the Prairie Provinces, and 20 per cent in British Columbia.

Those trades which were affected by wartime restrictions are showing marked expansions in sales with the release of goods for consumer use. Automotive equipment sales were 43 per cent greater in April of this year than last, while total sales for the January-April period for this trade stand 51 per cent above the corresponding months of 1945. The footwear trade and the hardware trade each reported a 31 per cent gain over April, 1945, while cumulative sales for the year to date were up 19 per cent and 33 per cent respectively.

The fruit and vegetable trade recorded a 26 per cent gain and tobacco and confectionery sales advanced 21 per cent. Increases reported for the other trades were as follows; dry goods, 15 per cent; groceries, 14 per cent; clothing, 11 per cent; and drugs, 7 per cent.

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers at the end of April, 1946 were valued 6 per cent greater than inventories held on the same date of last year. The dry goods and grocery trades continued to report declining stocks as compared with 1945, while all other trades valued their inventory holdings higher, increases ranging from 2 per cent for the drug trade to 49 per cent for the clothing trade being recorded.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY April, 1946 April, 1945
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date	
	March 1946	April 1946	1946	
	March 1945	April 1945	Year-to-date 1945	
Automotive Equipment .....	+41.6	+42.5	+50.5	+36.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+32.7	+21.4		
Ontario .....	+53.4	+41.3		
Western Provinces .....	+36.9	+52.8		
Drugs .....	+ 9.3	+ 7.4	+10.6	+ 3.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+ 8.9	+ 4.4		
Western Provinces .....	+10.6	+15.2		
Clothing .....	+ 5.5	+10.8	+12.3	+49.0
Quebec .....	+12.6	+11.6		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+ 1.9	+10.3		
Footwear .....	+28.3	+30.7	+18.8	+27.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+32.6	+21.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+24.9	+38.8		
Dry Goods .....	+ 2.9	+15.0	+ 9.4	- 1.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 5.4	+14.9		
Ontario .....	+ 2.7	+20.5		
Western Provinces .....	- 0.6	+ 7.6		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+25.4	+26.3	+25.1	+ 5.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 9.9	+16.9		
Ontario .....	+31.4	+28.8		
Western Provinces .....	+29.0	+29.8		
Groceries .....	+ 9.8	+13.9	+11.8	- 3.4
Maritimes .....	+ 5.6	+ 5.1		
Quebec .....	+12.8	+11.5		
Ontario .....	+ 8.6	+14.0		
Prairies .....	+12.3	+18.0		
British Columbia .....	+ 8.8	+17.4		
Hardware .....	+30.3	+31.0	+35.5	+11.0
Maritimes .....	+17.8	+22.6		
Quebec .....	+30.6	+34.6		
Ontario .....	+39.6	+37.4		
Western Provinces .....	+27.6	+32.5		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 9.1	+20.6	+12.7	+ 5.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.7	+ 3.0		
Ontario .....	+ 5.6	+16.4		
Western Provinces .....	+15.7	+34.5		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 6.6	+ 7.5		
Quebec .....	+14.7	+14.3		
Ontario .....	+17.0	+21.3		
Prairies .....	+20.1	+29.6		
British Columbia .....	+14.4	+20.3		
CANADA .....	+16.2	+20.7	+18.4	+ 6.4

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1943	165.4	182.5	166.4	167.0	151.2	184.0	142.3	130.1	132.5	160.4
April, 1944	173.4	201.5	165.2	172.8	168.3	189.2	180.0	182.3	145.8	216.4
April, 1945	197.3	226.1	194.4	202.2	179.7	215.1	238.0	260.1	202.2	267.5
April, 1946	238.1	243.1	222.2	245.3	232.9	258.8	339.1	315.8	285.7	408.7
1945 - May	205.9	253.6	187.1	215.4	193.6	224.9	213.5	296.9	168.5	237.9
June	206.9	250.6	184.0	210.5	194.1	236.7	235.3	280.4	192.6	265.1
July	203.7	240.6	179.4	201.2	208.2	233.6	228.3	281.8	192.9	241.3
August	216.3	250.0	183.6	212.9	230.6	231.7	254.3	309.0	197.0	280.5
September	217.7	237.9	210.8	208.1	228.9	221.6	293.6	300.3	239.4	329.1
October	237.2	277.3	233.7	231.8	229.8	250.7	308.6	399.4	249.1	311.7
November	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
December	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
1946 - January	217.1	231.4	183.9	235.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
February	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April	238.1	243.1	222.2	245.3	232.9	258.8	339.1	315.8	285.7	408.7

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR			DRY GOODS	
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA	CANADA	CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1943	185.6	184.2	185.4		195.2	188.0	152.7		157.6	142.5	153.4
April, 1944	193.0	191.6	192.4		172.6	178.4	165.4		167.4	148.6	179.3
April, 1945	220.0	217.5	222.0		182.8	246.0	167.9		172.8	163.3	160.1
April, 1946	236.3	227.1	255.7		205.5	321.5	193.1		198.5	196.8	172.3
1945 - May	222.0	225.0	212.9		148.7	202.6	147.4		150.3	150.3	136.4
June	210.5	205.4	223.3		144.7	210.7	143.5		153.2	148.9	116.8
July	208.0	203.0	221.3		146.7	155.9	121.8		103.2	129.7	149.2
August	223.2	222.7	222.7		193.2	263.5	168.9		131.9	192.2	205.6
September	227.1	236.6	203.6		199.2	243.9	191.3		192.2	187.9	189.9
October	268.2	264.1	277.7		238.6	263.9	184.6		178.4	184.0	199.0
November	259.4	256.3	268.7		200.2	219.3	162.0		156.7	166.4	181.8
December	198.3	199.2	196.2		116.9	219.0	113.4		198.4	130.2	113.7
1946 - January	246.4	243.3	254.8		280.8	230.1	201.7		178.5	241.7	193.1
February	227.7	223.0	244.8		232.7	238.2	189.9		197.1	195.2	167.6
March	228.9	224.3	242.1		235.6	290.0	191.6		192.1	194.8	204.5
April	236.3	227.1	255.7		202.5	321.5	193.1		198.5	196.8	172.3

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1943 .....	143.4	174.6	143.1	148.6	123.4	147.2	209.9	209.3	212.2	189.6
April, 1944 .....	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	218.9	213.5	216.2	204.4
April, 1945 .....	166.6	209.6	150.4	171.3	146.3	181.1	256.1	266.4	252.1	233.8
April, 1946 .....	189.8	220.3	167.7	195.3	172.6	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
1945 - May .....	187.4	236.5	169.3	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.1	274.9	272.6	252.4
June .....	188.8	246.8	169.8	190.6	166.2	209.5	281.2	300.9	273.3	275.1
July .....	186.6	231.1	167.1	187.0	177.1	192.1	288.0	262.0	279.2	308.3
August .....	191.1	236.9	171.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.7	184.1	264.0	358.9
September ..	179.6	207.3	165.4	171.7	177.2	204.8	296.4	288.7	256.6	340.7
October ....	203.1	255.0	204.1	204.3	182.3	214.9	288.5	250.9	272.4	318.8
November ..	195.8	243.3	193.7	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.4	241.9	286.0	278.7
December ..	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.2	270.3	302.9	301.8
1946 - January ...	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.6	261.2	220.8
February ..	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
March .....	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
April .....	189.8	220.3	167.7	195.3	172.6	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1943 .....	184.0	174.0	168.7	174.3	196.2	189.8	218.5	174.7	171.3
April, 1944 .....	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	214.5	237.5	199.2	196.3
April, 1945 .....	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	243.5	281.4	238.2	205.5
April, 1946 .....	278.8	272.7	253.3	281.9	289.5	293.7	289.8	277.3	276.4
1945 - May .....	205.4	200.0	187.9	192.4	227.5	286.4	275.6	308.9	244.7
June .....	211.2	208.0	201.8	209.4	224.7	267.4	260.5	266.7	250.0
July .....	203.5	192.8	190.0	166.2	231.5	258.4	236.8	260.6	246.6
August .....	218.9	208.8	218.5	172.6	235.0	265.1	264.0	276.8	246.7
September .	228.6	242.4	235.7	217.1	237.3	250.5	248.0	251.3	238.2
October ...	246.6	259.8	247.7	227.1	252.5	290.6	286.9	274.3	277.5
November ..	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8
December ..	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6
1946 - January ...	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1
February ..	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4
March .....	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8
April .....	278.8	272.7	253.3	281.9	289.5	293.7	289.8	277.3	276.4



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, MAY, 1946

May wholesale sales exceeded by 26 per cent the volume of dollar sales transacted in May, 1945, and were 9 per cent greater than the April, 1946 turnover. These results were compiled from statements received from approximately 415 of the larger wholesale establishments operating in Canada and representing nine lines of business. The 26 per cent gain is greater than the increases recorded for any previous month of this year over last, while the general unadjusted index of sales for May, 1946, on the base 1935-1939=100 stands at 260.1, a level considerably higher than that recorded for any month in recent years. The May, 1946 index of sales compares with 205.9 for May, 1945, and 238.3 for April, 1946. Cumulative sales for the first five months of this year were up 20 per cent over the corresponding period of 1945.

Each of the trades under survey reported substantial increases over May, 1945, but results for individual kinds of business deviated greatly from the overall 26 per cent gain. The automotive equipment trade maintained its high level of trading and recorded a 61 per cent sales expansion while hardware sales advanced 46 per cent. Wholesale footwear sales were up 40 per cent; the dry goods trade reported 36 per cent more business; clothing sales registered a 34 per cent gain.

The increases in sales of food products, tobacco and drugs were not as great as those recorded for other lines of trade and fell below the average 26 per cent gain. Fruit and vegetable sales were up 25 per cent; the tobacco and confectionery trade registered a 19 per cent gain; grocery sales advanced 16 per cent while drug wholesalers reported 15 per cent more business in May of this year than last.

Inventories on hand at the end of May, 1946, were valued 9 per cent higher than on the same date of last year. Each line of business reported increases in supplies, gains in stock holdings ranging from 3 per cent for both the dry goods and grocery trades to 55 per cent for the clothing trade.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales		Year-to-date 1946 Year-to-date 1945	INVENTORY May, 1946 May, 1945
	(1) April 1946 April 1945	(2) May 1946 May 1945		
Automotive Equipment .....	+43.4	+60.6	+52.7	+35.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+29.7	+46.8		
Ontario .....	+40.6	+51.6		
Western Provinces .....	+51.6	+74.1		
Drugs .....	+ 7.2	+14.6	+11.4	+ 6.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 4.3	+12.5		
Western Provinces .....	+15.2	+20.3		
Clothing .....	+15.0	+34.4	+16.4	+54.8
Quebec .....	+12.1	+47.5		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+16.7	+26.0		
Footwear .....	+30.7	+39.6	+22.6	+28.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+21.1	+30.7		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+38.8	+47.4		
Dry Goods .....	+15.0	+35.7	+13.9	+ 3.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+14.9	+27.7		
Ontario .....	+20.5	+42.5		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.6	+41.4		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+26.3	+24.8	+25.0	+16.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+16.9	+10.9		
Ontario .....	+28.8	+25.7		
Western Provinces .....	+29.8	+32.0		
Groceries .....	+13.8	+16.3	+12.7	+ 3.4
Maritimes .....	+ 5.1	+ 6.1		
Quebec .....	+12.8	+17.1		
Ontario .....	+13.0	+15.8		
Prairies .....	+18.1	+17.8		
British Columbia .....	+17.4	+23.3		
Hardware .....	+31.2	+46.1	+35.3	+ 9.0
Maritimes .....	+22.6	+49.9		
Quebec .....	+24.6	+29.6		
Ontario .....	+37.6	+60.7		
Western Provinces .....	+32.5	+48.2		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+21.0	+18.8	+14.1	+ 8.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.0	+ 9.3		
Ontario .....	+17.6	+16.6		
Western Provinces .....	+33.8	+25.4		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 7.8	+11.5		
Quebec .....	+14.8	+21.4		
Ontario .....	+21.2	+26.5		
Prairies .....	+29.7	+34.0		
British Columbia .....	+20.2	+27.5		
CANADA .....	+20.8	+26.3	+20.1	+ 9.3

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1943	165.4	191.2	161.9	169.8	149.8	188.5	151.3	184.5	122.7	175.5
May, 1944	195.2	237.9	183.1	198.2	186.5	213.2	195.2	262.7	158.7	215.9
May, 1945	205.9	253.6	187.1	215.4	193.6	224.9	213.5	296.9	168.5	237.9
May, 1946	260.1	282.8	227.1	272.5	259.4	286.7	342.9	435.8	255.4	414.2
1945 - June	206.9	250.6	184.0	210.5	194.1	236.7	235.3	280.4	192.6	265.1
July	203.7	240.6	179.4	201.2	208.2	233.6	228.3	281.8	192.9	241.3
August	216.3	250.0	183.6	212.9	230.6	231.7	254.3	309.0	197.0	280.5
September	217.7	237.9	210.8	208.1	228.9	221.6	293.6	300.3	239.4	329.1
October	237.2	277.3	233.7	231.8	229.8	250.7	308.6	399.4	249.1	311.7
November	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
December	194.7	217.0	182.6	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
1946 - January	217.1	231.4	183.9	235.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
February	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
May	260.1	282.8	227.1	272.5	259.4	286.7	342.9	435.8	255.4	414.2

Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR						DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1943	173.4	172.9	174.3	161.6	147.9	150.4	150.4	148.2	159.9	139.7
May, 1944	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.8	195.2	165.1	165.1	151.4	170.6	162.2
May, 1945	222.0	225.0	212.9	148.7	202.6	147.4	147.4	150.3	150.3	136.4
May, 1946	254.4	253.1	256.1	199.9	282.8	200.0	200.0	191.9	214.2	192.9
1945 - June	210.5	205.4	223.3	144.7	210.7	143.5	143.5	153.2	148.9	116.8
July	208.0	203.0	221.3	146.7	155.9	121.8	121.8	103.2	129.7	149.2
August	223.2	222.7	222.7	193.2	263.5	168.9	168.9	131.9	192.2	205.6
September	227.1	236.6	203.6	199.2	243.9	191.3	191.3	192.2	187.9	189.9
October	268.2	264.1	277.7	238.6	263.9	184.6	184.6	178.4	184.0	199.0
November	259.4	256.3	268.7	200.2	219.3	162.0	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8
December	198.3	199.2	196.2	116.9	219.0	113.4	113.4	198.4	130.2	113.7
1946 - January	246.4	243.3	254.8	280.8	230.1	201.7	201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1
February	227.7	223.0	244.8	232.7	238.2	189.9	189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6
March	228.9	224.3	242.1	235.6	290.0	191.6	191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5
April	235.8	226.9	255.7	210.2	321.5	193.1	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3
May	254.4	253.1	256.1	199.9	282.8	200.0	200.0	191.9	214.2	192.9

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Irisheries	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1943	143.1	182.2	144.9	146.7	126.1	147.3	215.5	237.8	212.8	193.3
May, 1944	172.9	217.2	157.5	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.4	278.0	256.0	242.2
May, 1945	187.4	236.5	169.3	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.1	274.9	272.6	252.4
May, 1946	217.9	250.9	198.2	229.1	201.6	236.7	338.3	304.9	342.7	333.2
1945 - June	188.8	246.8	169.8	190.6	166.2	209.5	281.2	300.9	273.3	275.1
July	186.6	231.1	167.1	187.0	177.1	192.1	288.0	262.0	279.2	308.3
August	191.1	236.9	171.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.7	184.1	264.0	358.9
September	179.6	207.3	165.4	171.7	177.2	204.8	296.4	288.7	256.5	340.7
October	203.1	255.0	204.1	204.3	182.3	214.9	288.5	250.9	272.4	318.8
November	195.8	243.3	193.7	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.4	241.9	286.0	278.7
December	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.2	270.3	302.9	301.8
1946 - January	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.5	261.2	220.8
February	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
March	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
April	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
May	217.9	250.9	198.2	229.1	201.6	236.7	338.3	304.9	342.7	333.2

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1943	182.5	184.9	163.1	166.7	205.6	208.9	213.7	225.5	163.9
May, 1944	196.2	213.9	181.2	185.4	212.6	258.0	254.7	267.0	227.8
May, 1945	205.4	200.0	187.9	192.4	227.5	286.4	275.6	308.9	244.7
May, 1946	300.1	299.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.2	301.2	360.2	306.9
1945 - June	211.2	208.0	201.8	209.4	224.7	267.4	260.5	266.7	250.0
July	203.5	192.8	190.0	166.2	231.5	258.4	236.8	260.6	246.6
August	213.9	208.8	218.5	172.6	235.0	265.1	264.0	276.8	246.7
September	228.6	242.4	235.7	217.1	237.3	250.5	248.0	251.3	238.2
October	246.6	259.8	247.7	227.1	252.5	290.6	286.9	274.3	277.5
November	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8
December	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.3	275.2	262.9	269.6
1946 - January	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1
February	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4
March	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8
April	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0
May	300.1	299.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.2	301.2	360.2	306.9



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JUNE, 1946

Maintaining the high level of trading established in the first five months of this year over last, June wholesale sales advanced 17 per cent over the dollar business transacted in June, 1945. Results are based on data received from approximately 415 of the larger wholesale establishments operating in Canada and representing nine lines of trade. While the 17 per cent gain is somewhat smaller than the 26 per cent and 21 per cent increases recorded in the May and April comparisons, respectively, it is in line with the gains registered for earlier months of the year. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939=100 stood at 241.7 for June, 1946; 259.8 for May, 1946; and 206.9 for June, 1945. Aggregate sales for the first half of 1946 exceeded by 20 per cent the sales volume in the same months of last year.

An analysis of the results on a regional basis revealed smaller increases in the eastern areas than in central and western Canada. The increase in sales in June of this year over last was 2 per cent in the Maritime Provinces; 12 per cent in Quebec; 16 per cent in Ontario; 26 per cent in the Prairie Provinces; and 18 per cent in British Columbia.

Gains registered for the individual kinds of business under survey varied greatly. The greatest expansion in trading was realized by the automotive equipment and hardware trades, sales advancing 44 and 35 per cent respectively over June, 1945. The dry goods trade reported a substantial gain of 24 per cent which may be attributed in some degree to the low level of dry goods trading recorded in June, 1945. Sales were up 24 per cent in the clothing trade, 18 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade, and 14 per cent in the footwear trade. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported a 13 per cent increase, while smaller gains of 7 per cent and 2 per cent were registered by the grocery trade and the drug trade, respectively.

Wholesale inventories on hand at the end of June, 1946, were valued 9 per cent greater than on the same date of last year. Marked gains in holdings were reported by the fruit and vegetable trade, the clothing and footwear trades, as well as by the automotive equipment and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers. Overall the increases in inventories ranged from 2 per cent in the drug trade to 42 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date	
	May, 1946 May, 1945	June 1946 June 1945	1946 Year-to-date 1945	
Automotive Equipment .....	+60.5	+44.2	+51.1	+15.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+46.1	+36.4		
Ontario .....	+51.6	+47.7		
Western Provinces .....	+74.0	+45.0		
Drugs .....	+14.2	+ 1.5	+ 9.7	+ 2.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+12.0	- 2.5		
Western Provinces .....	+20.3	+12.4		
Clothing .....	+34.5	+23.9	+17.4	+25.1
Quebec .....	+47.5	+23.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+26.5	+24.2		
Footwear .....	+39.6	+13.8	+21.2	+23.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+30.7	+23.5		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+47.4	+ 7.1		
Dry Goods .....	+35.3	+24.1	+15.3	+ 6.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+26.2	+14.7		
Ontario .....	+43.7	+18.4		
Western Provinces .....	+41.4	+54.9		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+24.7	+17.8	+23.6	+41.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+10.7	+11.6		
Ontario .....	+25.7	+13.0		
Western Provinces .....	+31.9	+26.3		
Groceries .....	+18.4	+ 7.4	+11.8	+ 4.7
Maritimes .....	+ 8.2	- 1.4		
Quebec .....	+17.4	- 5.3		
Ontario .....	+15.0	+ 9.0		
Prairies .....	+18.2	+14.1		
British Columbia .....	+23.3	+12.4		
Hardware .....	+46.3	+35.4	+35.4	+ 8.4
Maritimes .....	+52.9	+40.1		
Quebec .....	+29.6	+30.1		
Ontario .....	+60.7	+37.3		
Western Provinces .....	+48.2	+36.8		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+18.7	+13.4	+14.0	+19.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 9.4	+13.3		
Ontario .....	+17.0	+11.6		
Western Provinces .....	+25.2	+15.2		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+13.2	+ 2.3		
Quebec .....	+20.8	+12.1		
Ontario .....	+26.1	+15.5		
Prairies .....	+28.0	+26.2		
British Columbia .....	+27.5	+18.0		
CANADA .....	+26.2	+16.8	+19.5	+ 9.0

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1943	175.4	208.7	162.2	176.1	164.5	209.2	167.9	171.5	144.6	194.3
June, 1944	190.0	226.0	180.0	190.5	183.1	209.8	202.3	235.0	167.9	228.1
June, 1945	206.9	250.6	184.0	210.5	194.1	236.7	235.3	280.4	192.6	265.1
June, 1946	241.7	256.4	206.3	243.1	245.0	279.3	339.3	382.5	284.5	384.4
1945 - July	203.7	240.6	179.4	201.2	208.2	233.6	228.3	281.8	192.9	241.3
August	216.3	250.0	183.6	212.9	230.6	231.7	254.3	309.0	197.0	280.5
September	217.7	237.9	210.8	208.1	228.9	221.6	293.6	300.3	239.4	329.1
October	237.2	277.3	233.7	231.8	229.8	250.7	308.6	399.4	249.1	311.7
November	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
December	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
1946 - January	217.1	231.4	183.9	235.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
February	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
May	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9
June	241.7	256.4	206.3	243.1	245.0	279.3	339.3	382.5	284.5	384.4

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario		
June, 1943	174.0	171.0	180.9	161.4	157.6	141.7	148.9	130.8	141.5	
June, 1944	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	191.0	156.0	170.2	137.1	154.5	
June, 1945	210.5	205.4	223.3	144.7	210.7	143.5	153.2	148.9	116.8	
June, 1946	213.7	200.3	251.0	179.3	239.8	173.1	175.7	176.3	180.9	
1945 - July	208.0	203.0	221.3	146.7	155.9	121.8	103.2	129.7	149.2	
August	223.2	222.7	222.7	193.2	263.5	168.9	131.9	192.2	205.6	
September	227.1	236.6	203.6	199.2	243.9	191.3	192.2	187.9	189.9	
October	268.2	264.1	277.7	238.6	263.9	184.6	178.4	184.0	199.0	
November	259.4	256.3	268.7	200.2	219.3	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8	
December	198.3	199.2	196.2	116.9	219.0	113.4	198.4	130.2	113.7	
1946 - January	246.4	243.3	254.8	280.8	230.1	201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1	
February	227.7	223.0	244.8	232.7	238.2	189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6	
March	228.9	224.3	242.1	235.6	290.0	191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5	
April	235.8	226.9	255.7	210.2	321.5	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3	
May	253.5	252.0	256.1	200.0	282.8	199.4	189.7	216.0	192.9	
June	213.7	200.3	251.0	179.3	239.8	178.1	175.7	176.3	180.9	

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Year and Month		GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
		CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1943	.....	162.0	195.7	144.6	165.1	148.0	179.0	224.1	245.5	227.7	207.6
June, 1944	.....	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	244.0	223.8	232.7
June, 1945	.....	188.8	246.8	169.6	190.6	166.2	209.5	281.2	300.9	273.3	275.1
June, 1946	.....	202.8	243.3	160.6	200.8	189.6	235.5	331.3	335.8	308.8	347.5
1945 - July	.....	186.6	231.1	167.1	187.0	177.1	192.1	288.0	262.0	279.2	308.3
August	.....	191.1	236.9	171.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.7	184.1	264.0	358.9
September	..	179.6	207.3	165.4	171.7	177.2	204.8	296.4	288.7	256.6	340.7
October	....	203.1	255.0	204.1	204.3	182.3	214.9	288.5	250.9	272.4	318.8
November	...	195.8	243.3	193.7	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.4	241.9	286.0	278.7
December	...	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.2	270.3	302.9	301.8
1946 - January	....	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.6	261.2	220.6
February	...	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
March	.....	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
April	.....	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
May	.....	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9
June	.....	202.8	243.3	160.6	207.8	189.6	235.5	331.3	335.8	308.8	347.5

Year and Month		HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
		CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
June, 1943	.....	184.6	190.8	167.0	166.8	208.2	218.5	238.3	212.6	196.6	
June, 1944	.....	192.5	204.5	193.1	186.0	200.1	249.7	273.3	239.4	230.6	
June, 1945	.....	211.2	208.0	201.8	209.4	224.7	267.4	260.5	266.7	250.0	
June, 1946	.....	286.0	291.4	262.5	287.5	307.4	303.2	295.1	297.6	288.0	
1945 - July	.....	203.5	192.8	190.0	166.2	231.5	258.4	236.8	260.6	246.6	
August	.....	218.9	208.8	218.5	172.6	235.0	265.1	264.0	276.8	246.7	
September	..	228.6	242.4	235.7	217.1	237.3	250.5	248.0	251.3	238.2	
October	....	246.6	259.8	247.7	227.1	252.5	290.6	286.9	274.3	277.5	
November	...	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8	
December	...	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6	
1946 - January	....	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1	
February	...	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4	
March	.....	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8	
April	.....	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0	
May	.....	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4	
June	.....	286.0	291.4	262.5	287.5	307.4	303.2	295.1	297.6	288.0	



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JULY, 1946

Sales of wholesale merchants were 22 per cent higher in dollar volume in July of this year than in the same month of 1945 according to statements received from some 415 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. This increase was greater than that recorded for June and slightly higher than the 20 per cent increase shown for the first seven months of this year over the corresponding period in 1945. The general unadjusted index of wholesale sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stood at 249.3 for July, 1946; 241.0 for June, 1946; and 203.7 for July, 1945.

All regions of the country reported increased sales with gains in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces exceeding those in other parts. Wholesale sales in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec were up 17 per cent over those for July, 1945, Ontario sales were 24 per cent higher, the Prairie Provinces showed a gain of 27 per cent while wholesalers in British Columbia reported an increase of 20 per cent.

Results for individual trades showed substantial increases in all lines over those recorded in July a year ago. The automotive, hardware and dry goods trades continued to record the greatest expansion with sales 41 per cent, 39 per cent and 34 per cent respectively higher than July, 1945. Sales in the tobacco and confectionery trade were up 23 per cent, in the footwear trade, 22 per cent, while the clothing trade followed with a gain of 20 per cent. Increases for the other trades under review amounted to 18 per cent for groceries, 15 per cent for fruits and vegetables and 13 per cent for the drug trade.

The wholesale inventory position at the end of July showed a greater expansion over the corresponding period of 1945 than in any other month in the current year. Value of stocks on hand at the end of July this year averaged 11 per cent above their value at the same date last year. The most marked gain was reported in the clothing trade where stocks were 40 per cent higher than at July 31, 1945. Inventory holdings in the footwear and fruit and vegetable trades registered increases of 27 and 22 per cent, respectively, while gains of 18 per cent were recorded in the automotive equipment, 15 per cent in the tobacco and confectionery, 14 per cent in the grocery, 8 per cent in the hardware, 5 per cent in the dry goods and 3 per cent in the wholesale drug trade.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date	
	June 1946 June 1945	July 1946 July 1945	1946 1945	
Automotive Equipment .....	+43.8	+41.0	+49.5	+18.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+35.6	+44.9		
Ontario .....	+47.7	+57.9		
Western Provinces .....	+44.8	+26.0		
Drugs .....	+ 1.6	+12.7	+10.2	+ 3.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	- 2.5	+12.1		
Western Provinces .....	+12.6	+14.4		
Clothing .....	+25.5	+19.7	+17.8	+39.7
Quebec .....	+21.0	+29.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+28.0	+15.8		
Footwear .....	+13.7	+21.8	+21.3	+27.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+22.7	+22.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+ 7.1	+21.5		
Dry Goods .....	+21.0	+33.6	+16.9	+ 4.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+14.7	+29.9		
Ontario .....	+17.6	+37.3		
Western Provinces .....	+38.3	+34.5		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+17.0	+14.5	+21.9	+22.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+11.6	- 7.6		
Ontario .....	+11.3	+18.5		
Western Provinces .....	+26.3	+23.9		
Groceries .....	+ 7.3	+17.9	+12.7	+13.9
Maritimes .....	- 0.8	+19.4		
Quebec .....	- 3.9	+15.0		
Ontario .....	+ 9.0	+18.9		
Prairies .....	+14.2	+17.7		
British Columbia .....	+12.4	+17.5		
Hardware .....	+35.7	+38.5	+35.9	+ 8.3
Maritimes .....	+40.1	+29.6		
Quebec .....	+30.3	+30.5		
Ontario .....	+38.5	+55.1		
Western Provinces .....	+36.8	+36.9		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+13.1	+22.7	+15.2	+14.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+13.1	+27.3		
Ontario .....	+11.2	+16.6		
Western Provinces .....	+15.2	+27.4		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 2.6	+16.8		
Quebec .....	+11.8	+17.2		
Ontario .....	+15.4	+24.2		
Prairies .....	+25.5	+27.0		
British Columbia .....	+18.1	+19.5		
CANADA .....	+16.5	+22.4	+19.9	+11.2

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1943	173.2	211.2	150.0	168.9	177.2	206.6	162.2	165.6	148.5	175.0
July, 1944	179.3	212.7	153.6	176.3	190.7	199.0	194.5	210.0	161.7	221.6
July, 1945	203.7	240.6	179.4	201.2	208.2	233.6	228.3	281.8	192.9	241.3
July, 1946	249.3	281.0	210.3	249.9	264.4	279.2	321.9	408.3	304.6	304.0
1945 - August	216.3	250.0	183.5	212.9	230.6	231.7	254.3	309.0	197.0	280.5
September	217.7	237.9	210.8	208.1	228.9	221.6	293.6	300.3	239.4	329.1
October	237.2	277.3	233.7	231.8	229.8	250.7	308.6	399.4	249.1	311.7
November	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
December	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
1946 - January	217.1	231.4	183.9	235.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
February	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
May	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9
June	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9
July	249.3	281.0	210.3	249.9	264.4	279.2	321.9	408.3	304.6	304.0

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1943	178.0	174.4	187.3		146.1		130.7		124.8	101.0	116.6	187.9
July, 1944	181.7	174.7	201.2		140.1		126.4		133.8	103.8	143.3	185.1
July, 1945	208.0	203.0	221.3		146.7		155.9		121.8	103.2	129.7	149.2
July, 1946	234.4	227.6	253.2		175.6		189.9		162.7	134.1	178.1	200.7
1945 - August	223.2	222.7	222.7		193.2		263.5		168.9	131.9	192.2	205.6
September	227.1	236.6	203.6		199.2		243.9		191.3	192.2	187.9	189.9
October	268.2	264.1	277.7		238.6		263.9		184.6	178.4	184.0	199.0
November	259.4	256.3	268.7		200.2		219.3		162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8
December	198.3	199.2	196.2		116.9		219.0		113.4	198.4	130.2	113.7
1946 - January	246.4	243.3	254.8		280.8		230.1		201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1
February	227.7	223.0	244.8		232.7		238.2		189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6
March	228.9	224.3	242.1		235.6		290.0		191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5
April	235.8	226.9	255.7		210.2		321.5		193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3
May	253.5	252.0	256.1		200.0		282.8		199.4	189.7	216.0	192.9
June	213.9	200.3	251.4		181.6		239.6		173.6	175.7	175.1	161.5
July	234.4	227.6	253.2		175.6		189.9		162.7	134.1	178.1	200.7

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## GROCERIES

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1943	158.4	194.6	146.0	163.7	146.2	156.9	233.5	202.8	223.7	261.6
July, 1944	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.5	161.0	230.2	197.7	219.0	261.3
July, 1945	186.6	231.1	167.1	187.0	177.1	192.1	288.0	262.0	279.2	308.3
July, 1946	220.0	275.9	192.2	222.3	208.4	225.7	329.8	242.1	330.9	382.0
1945 - August	191.1	236.9	171.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.7	184.1	264.0	358.9
September	179.6	207.3	165.4	171.7	177.2	204.8	296.4	288.7	256.6	340.7
October	203.1	255.0	204.1	204.3	182.3	214.9	288.5	250.9	272.4	318.6
November	195.8	243.3	193.7	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.4	241.9	286.0	278.7
December	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.2	270.3	302.9	301.6
1946 - January	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.6	261.2	220.8
February	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
March	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
April	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
May	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9
June	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.6	235.5	329.0	335.8	304.2	347.5
July	220.0	275.9	192.2	222.3	208.4	225.7	329.8	242.1	330.9	382.0

## HARDWARE

## TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1943	179.9	167.0	158.9	138.6	215.1	215.8	223.0	211.7	199.8
July, 1944	175.6	167.8	156.4	147.1	202.0	225.9	230.6	221.4	212.2
July, 1945	203.5	192.8	190.0	166.2	231.5	258.4	236.8	260.6	246.6
July, 1946	281.8	249.9	248.0	257.8	316.9	317.1	301.4	303.9	314.2
1945 - August	218.9	208.8	218.5	172.6	235.0	265.1	264.0	276.8	246.7
September	228.6	242.4	235.7	217.1	237.3	250.5	248.0	251.3	238.2
October	246.6	259.8	247.7	227.1	252.5	290.6	286.9	274.3	277.5
November	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8
December	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6
1946 - January	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1
February	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4
March	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8
April	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0
May	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4
June	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.4	294.6	296.6	288.0
July	281.8	249.9	248.0	257.8	316.9	317.1	301.4	303.9	314.2



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, AUGUST, 1946

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada during August, 1946 was almost 21 per cent higher than in the corresponding month of last year according to statements received from some 380 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. This increase was only one point below that recorded for July and was one point above the cumulative gain in the first eight months of 1946 over the same period of 1945. The general unadjusted index of wholesale sales for Canada on the base 1935-1939=100 stood at 261.9 for August, 1946; 249.3 for July, 1946; and 216.3 for August, 1945.

Increases in wholesale sales were reported in all regions of the country and with the exception of the Maritime Provinces were fairly uniform in extent. The Maritime Provinces, as a result of decreases in the automotive and fruits and vegetables trades, had an increase of only 6 per cent. An increase of 20 per cent in wholesale sales was registered in Quebec, of 23 per cent in Ontario and in British Columbia and 24 per cent in the Prairie Provinces.

Substantial increases over August, 1945 were recorded in all nine trades under survey. The clothing and hardware trades showed the greatest increase in business with sales expansions of 42 per cent and 35 per cent, respectively. Gains less marked than those recorded in July this year over last were shown for the automotive and dry goods trades, each of which reported gains of 28 per cent over August, 1945, as compared with increases of 39 per cent and 33 per cent in July, 1946 compared with the same month in 1945. Sales of footwear were up 24 per cent over August a year ago, while an increase of 19 per cent was reported in the wholesale grocery trade. Increases for the other trades under review amounted to 16 per cent for drugs and for tobacco and confectionery and 12 per cent for fruits and vegetables.

The higher wholesale inventory level established in July was maintained in August when stocks were reported as 14 per cent higher than in the same month of 1945. The greatest improvement in inventory position was registered in the clothing, footwear, and fruits and vegetables trades, with increases in stocks over August, 1945 amounting to 38 per cent, 35 per cent and 40 per cent respectively. A gain of 22 per cent was reported in stocks held by tobacco and confectionery wholesalers, while stocks held by wholesalers of groceries, automotive equipment and drugs were respectively 19, 16 and 15 per cent higher than a year ago. The inventory position of the dry goods and hardware trades showed the smallest improvement over the 1945 position with gains of 7 per cent and 6 per cent respectively.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date	
	July 1946 July 1945	August 1946 August 1945	1946 Year-to-date 1945	August, 1946 August, 1945
Automotive Equipment .....	+39.3	+27.9	+46.4	+16.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+44.9	+12.3		
Ontario .....	+50.8	+41.9		
Western Provinces .....	+27.4	+25.1		
Drugs .....	+12.7	+16.0	+10.9	+15.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+12.1	+14.0		
Western Provinces .....	+14.4	+20.6		
Clothing .....	+17.6	+41.5	+20.7	+38.1
Quebec .....	+24.0	+50.5		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+14.6	+37.7		
Footwear .....	+22.3	+23.7	+21.7	+35.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+22.2	- 5.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+22.4	+49.3		
Dry Goods .....	+32.7	+28.0	+18.3	+ 6.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+28.0	+42.9		
Ontario .....	+37.1	+21.9		
Western Provinces .....	+34.5	+17.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+13.9	+11.9	+20.4	+39.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 6.2	+ 2.5		
Ontario .....	+18.2	+ 6.6		
Western Provinces .....	+23.9	+20.5		
Groceries .....	+18.5	+18.9	+13.6	+19.3
Maritimes .....	+19.4	+ 8.4		
Quebec .....	+18.9	+17.7		
Ontario .....	+18.9	+26.9		
Prairies .....	+17.8	+16.9		
British Columbia .....	+17.5	+18.7		
Hardware .....	+38.3	+34.9	+35.7	+ 5.9
Maritimes .....	+29.6	+33.8		
Quebec .....	+30.4	+21.3		
Ontario .....	+53.3	+43.8		
Western Provinces .....	+36.9	+38.9		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+22.8	+16.0	+15.3	+21.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+26.7	+ 5.9		
Ontario .....	+16.9	+15.6		
Western Provinces .....	+27.3	+20.6		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+16.4	+ 6.2		
Quebec .....	+17.9	+19.7		
Ontario .....	+24.0	+22.8		
Prairies .....	+26.9	+23.7		
British Columbia .....	+19.8	+22.5		
CANADA .....	+22.4	+21.1	+20.1	+14.2

(1) Revised. (2) Preliminary.



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1943 .....	173.4	197.6	146.9	164.8	189.1	195.1	186.0	183.5	142.4	226.3
August, 1944 .....	199.2	220.3	169.4	195.1	220.7	202.5	222.3	248.8	166.5	260.7
August, 1945 .....	216.3	250.0	183.6	212.9	230.6	231.7	254.3	309.0	197.0	280.5
August, 1946 .....	261.9	265.5	219.8	261.4	285.3	283.8	325.2	347.0	279.5	350.9
1945 - September ..	217.7	237.9	210.8	208.1	228.9	221.6	293.6	300.3	239.4	329.1
October .....	237.2	277.3	233.7	231.8	229.8	250.7	308.6	399.4	249.1	311.7
November .....	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
December .....	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
1946 - January .....	217.1	231.4	183.9	232.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
February .....	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March .....	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April .....	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
May .....	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9
June .....	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9
July .....	249.3	280.1	211.5	249.5	264.2	279.9	318.0	408.3	290.9	307.4
August .....	261.9	265.5	219.8	261.4	285.3	283.8	325.2	347.0	279.5	350.9

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario		
August, 1943 .....	173.1	170.3	179.3	194.8	174.3	148.5	127.6	153.9	177.9	
August, 1944 .....	202.4	200.8	205.1	194.4	228.3	174.5	136.1	186.2	229.5	
August, 1945 .....	223.2	222.7	222.7	193.2	263.5	168.9	131.9	192.2	205.6	
August, 1946 .....	258.9	253.9	268.6	273.4	325.9	216.2	188.5	234.3	242.2	
1945 - September ..	227.1	236.6	203.6	199.2	243.9	191.3	192.2	187.9	189.9	
October .....	268.2	264.1	277.7	238.6	263.9	184.6	178.4	184.0	199.0	
November .....	259.4	256.3	268.7	200.2	219.3	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8	
December .....	198.3	199.2	196.2	116.9	219.0	113.4	98.4	130.2	113.7	
1946 - January .....	246.4	243.3	254.8	280.8	230.1	201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1	
February .....	227.7	223.0	244.8	232.7	238.2	189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6	
March .....	228.9	224.3	242.1	235.6	290.0	191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5	
April .....	235.8	226.9	255.7	210.2	321.5	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3	
May .....	253.5	252.0	256.1	200.0	282.8	199.4	189.7	216.0	192.9	
June .....	213.9	200.3	251.4	181.6	239.6	173.6	175.7	175.1	161.5	
July .....	234.4	227.6	253.2	172.5	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7	
August .....	258.9	253.9	268.6	273.4	325.9	216.2	188.5	234.3	242.2	

**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
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Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1943 .....	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	215.7	141.8	189.9	293.3
August, 1944 .....	184.6	211.5	166.7	191.7	180.6	172.3	238.8	158.0	218.2	316.2
August, 1945 .....	191.1	236.9	171.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.7	184.1	264.0	358.9
August, 1946 .....	227.2	256.8	201.7	243.3	210.7	232.2	311.9	188.7	281.4	432.5
1945 - September ..	179.6	207.3	165.4	171.7	177.2	204.8	296.4	288.7	256.6	340.7
October .....	203.1	255.0	204.1	204.3	182.3	214.9	288.5	250.9	272.4	318.8
November ...	195.8	243.3	193.7	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.4	241.9	286.0	278.7
December ...	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.2	270.3	302.9	301.8
1946 - January .....	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.6	261.2	220.8
February ...	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
March .....	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
April .....	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
May .....	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9
June .....	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.8	235.5	329.0	335.8	304.2	347.5
July .....	221.1	275.9	198.7	222.3	208.6	225.7	328.0	248.4	330.0	382.0
August .....	227.2	256.8	201.7	243.3	210.7	232.2	311.9	188.7	281.4	432.5

Year and Month	HARDWARE				TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1943 .....	174.6	174.5	162.0	125.7	199.6	209.3	213.7	210.1	200.8
August, 1944 .....	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.7	233.4	242.0	226.1
August, 1945 .....	218.9	208.8	218.5	172.6	235.0	265.1	264.0	276.8	246.7
August, 1946 .....	295.3	279.4	265.0	248.2	326.4	307.5	279.6	320.0	297.5
1945 - September ..	228.6	242.4	235.7	217.1	237.3	250.5	248.0	251.3	238.2
October .....	246.6	259.8	247.7	227.1	252.5	290.6	286.9	274.3	277.5
November ...	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8
December ...	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6
1946 - January ....	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1
February ...	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4
March .....	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8
April .....	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0
May .....	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4
June .....	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.4	294.6	296.6	288.0
July .....	281.4	249.9	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.3	300.0	304.6	313.9
August .....	295.3	279.4	265.0	248.2	326.4	307.5	279.6	320.0	297.5



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER, 1946

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada was maintained at a high level during the month of September. The general unadjusted index for Canada stood at 259.3 per cent for September, 1946, 19 per cent above the September, 1945 index of 217.7 and only slightly below the August, 1946 index of 260.4. These indexes are based on dollar sales reported by some 388 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Wholesale sales for the first nine months of 1946 were 20 per cent in excess of sales in the corresponding period of 1945.

All regions of the country shared in the general advance in sales over September, 1945, Ontario wholesalers' sales increasing 21 per cent; British Columbia and Quebec, 20 per cent; the Prairie Provinces, 17 per cent, while wholesalers in the Maritimes reported an improvement of 15 per cent over last year.

The footwear and automotive equipment trades registered the greatest increases over last year as well as reaching a new high in volume of business. Gains over September, 1945 for these trades amounted to 38 per cent for the footwear trade and 33 per cent for the automotive equipment trade, the indexes for these kinds of business standing at 337.3 and 390.2 on the base, average for 1935-1939=100. Substantial increases ranging from 22 to 26 per cent were recorded by dry goods, hardware, grocery and clothing wholesalers. Sales in the tobacco and confectionery group were up 18 per cent and in the drug trade, 14 per cent. Wholesale fruit and vegetable sales increased only 2 per cent over the already high volume of dollar business recorded in September, 1945. In this trade, a slight drop in dollar volume in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec and a decrease of 7 per cent in sales in Ontario were offset by an increase of 9 per cent in Western Canada.

Stocks held by wholesalers in Canada at the end of September, 1946 were valued 17 per cent higher than those on hand at the end of the same month last year. The clothing and footwear trades continued to show the greatest improvement in inventory position over last year with stocks 68 per cent and 39 per cent higher respectively than in September, 1945. Marked improvement was also indicated in tobacco and confectionery with an increase of 29 per cent, fruits and vegetables with stocks up 28 per cent and groceries with a gain of 27 per cent. Lesser gains of 10 per cent in dry goods and 8 per cent in hardware and drugs were reported. Rubber strikes were responsible at least in part for the low inventory position of automotive equipment wholesalers whose stocks were only 4 per cent higher than stocks on hand at the same date last year.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date	
	August, 1946 August, 1945	September, 1946 September, 1945	1946 1945	
Automotive Equipment .....	+31.4	+32.9	+44.9	+ 4.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+19.4	+24.5		
Ontario .....	+47.6	+51.1		
Western Provinces .....	+25.7	+22.0		
Drugs .....	+12.4	+13.7	+10.8	+ 7.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+ 9.5	+13.2		
Western Provinces .....	+20.6	+15.7		
Clothing .....	+38.4	+25.5	+20.9	+68.4
Quebec .....	+50.5	+28.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+33.7	+23.5		
Footwear .....	+24.7	+38.3	+23.9	+39.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 5.1	+43.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+47.5	+34.9		
Dry Goods .....	+27.7	+21.9	+18.7	+ 9.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+41.1	+17.2		
Ontario .....	+21.9	+27.7		
Western Provinces .....	+17.8	+21.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+11.8	+ 1.9	+18.0	+28.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 2.7	- 0.4		
Ontario .....	+ 5.6	- 7.2		
Western Provinces .....	+20.9	+ 9.3		
Groceries .....	+17.9	+24.0	+14.7	+27.4
Maritimes .....	+ 8.0	+19.4		
Quebec .....	+18.3	+28.9		
Ontario .....	+22.5	+30.6		
Prairies .....	+17.2	+16.4		
British Columbia .....	+18.7	+25.7		
Hardware .....	+33.6	+22.3	+33.9	+ 8.4
Maritimes .....	+28.6	+16.7		
Quebec .....	+21.3	+18.7		
Ontario .....	+36.1	+26.2		
Western Provinces .....	+39.5	+23.0		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+16.2	+17.5	+15.6	+29.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 5.5	+19.2		
Ontario .....	+16.7	+17.5		
Western Provinces .....	+20.6	+16.9		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 6.5	+14.6		
Quebec .....	+18.9	+19.9		
Ontario .....	+21.1	+21.2		
Prairies .....	+24.1	+17.2		
British Columbia .....	+22.5	+20.4		
CANADA .....	+20.4	+19.1	+19.9	+16.6

(1) Revised. (2) Preliminary.



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1943 ...	186.2	211.2	179.1	177.6	190.1	200.9	199.2	201.2	172.3	215.0
September, 1944 ...	205.4	243.3	203.5	193.8	213.7	200.9	237.0	264.8	207.1	242.5
September, 1945 ...	217.7	237.9	210.8	208.1	228.9	221.6	293.6	300.3	239.4	329.1
September, 1946 ...	259.3	272.6	252.7	252.2	268.3	266.8	390.2	373.9	361.7	401.5
1945 - October .....	237.2	277.3	233.7	231.8	229.8	250.7	308.6	399.4	249.1	311.7
November ...	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
December ...	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
1946 - January .....	217.1	231.4	183.9	232.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.6	403.5
February ...	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March .....	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April .....	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
May .....	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9
June .....	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9
July .....	249.3	280.1	211.5	249.5	264.2	279.9	318.0	408.3	290.9	307.4
August .....	260.4	266.3	218.3	257.8	286.2	283.8	334.2	368.9	290.8	352.6
September ..	259.3	272.6	252.7	252.2	268.3	266.8	390.2	373.9	361.7	401.5

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont. Provinces	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
September, 1943 ...	197.9	199.2	200.3	209.3	199.1	166.4	168.8	163.3	162.6	
September, 1944 ...	207.0	217.9	180.5	183.8	212.8	189.2	188.2	183.1	194.8	
September, 1945 ...	227.1	236.6	203.6	199.2	243.9	191.3	192.2	187.9	189.9	
September, 1946 ...	258.2	267.8	235.6	250.0	337.3	233.2	225.3	239.9	231.3	
1945 - October ...	268.2	264.1	277.7	238.6	263.9	184.6	178.4	184.0	199.0	
November ...	259.4	256.3	268.7	200.2	219.3	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8	
December ...	198.3	199.2	196.2	116.9	219.0	113.4	98.4	130.2	113.7	
1946 - January ...	246.4	243.3	254.8	280.8	230.1	201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1	
February ...	227.7	223.0	244.8	232.7	238.2	189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6	
March ...	228.9	224.3	242.1	235.6	290.0	191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5	
April ...	235.8	226.9	255.7	210.2	321.5	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3	
May ...	253.5	252.0	256.1	200.0	282.8	199.4	189.7	216.0	192.9	
June ...	213.9	200.3	251.4	181.6	239.6	173.6	175.7	175.1	161.5	
July ...	234.4	227.6	253.2	172.5	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7	
August ...	250.9	243.9	268.6	267.4	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2	
September ..	258.2	267.8	235.6	250.0	337.3	233.2	225.3	239.9	231.3	

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA  
(Toronto, 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES							FRUITS AND VEGETABLES						
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	British Columbia		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces			
September, 1943	168.1	200	167.8	166.0	160.6	170.1		231.2	202.7	179.5	272.3			
September, 1944	168.3	224	161.0	172.0	162.0	166.3		240.5	242.3	201.7	301.2			
September, 1945	179.6	207.3	165.4	171.7	177.2	204.8		296.4	288.7	256.6	340.7			
September, 1946	222.7	247.5	213.2	224.2	206.3	257.4		302.0	287.5	238.1	372.4			
1945 - October	203.1	255.0	204.1	204.3	182.3	214.9		288.5	250.9	272.4	318.8			
November	189.8	141.0	160.0	200.0	172.1	200.1		232.4	241.3	286.0	275.7			
December	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0		298.2	270.3	302.9	301.8			
1946 - January	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2		230.5	178.6	261.2	220.8			
February	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0		244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6			
March	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2		298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2			
April	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6		323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5			
May	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7		338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9			
June	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.8	235.5		329.0	335.8	304.2	347.5			
July	221.1	275.9	198.7	222.3	208.6	225.7		328.0	248.4	330.0	382.0			
August	225.3	255.9	202.8	234.8	211.2	232.2		311.6	189.1	278.8	433.9			
September	222.7	247.5	213.2	224.2	206.3	257.4		302.0	287.5	238.1	372.4			
Year and Month	HARDWARE							TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY						
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	British Columbia		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces			
September, 1943	181.0	186.8	177.5	166.4	150.3	150.3		226.0	247.8	220.1	211.4			
September, 1944	198.6	237.4	215.1	179.7	202.3			237.0	250.5	232.0	224.5			
September, 1945	228.6	242.4	235.7	217.1	237.3			250.5	248.0	251.3	238.2			
September, 1946	279.6	282.9	279.8	274.0	291.9			294.3	295.6	295.3	278.5			
1945 - October	246.6	259.8	247.7	227.1	252.5			290.6	286.9	274.3	277.5			
November	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7			275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8			
December	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9			272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6			
1946 - January	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2			254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1			
February	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0			227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4			
March	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5			272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8			
April	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5			293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0			
May	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2			340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4			
June	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4			302.4	294.6	296.6	288.0			
July	281.4	249.9	247.8	254.8	316.9			317.3	300.0	304.6	313.9			
August	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8			308.0	278.5	323.0	297.5			
September	279.6	282.9	279.8	274.0	291.9			294.3	295.6	295.3	278.5			



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1946

A new high was recorded in dollar volume of wholesale sales in the month of October, 1946, when the general unadjusted index for Canada, on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100, reached 276.1. This was 16 per cent above the index of 237.2 for October, 1945 and showed an increase of 6.4 per cent over September, 1946, when the index stood at 259.5. Sales in the first 10 months of 1946 showed a gain of 20 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.

Increases were general in all sections of the country, the smallest percentage gain over 1945 being reported in the Maritime Provinces where sales increased 7 per cent. Increases in the other provinces were 15 and 16 per cent for Ontario and Quebec, and 19 and 20 per cent for British Columbia and the Prairie Provinces respectively.

The footwear trade continued to show the largest gain over last year, sales increasing 32 per cent in the month under review. Substantial gains ranging from 24 per cent to 14 per cent were recorded in the dry goods, groceries, hardware, clothing, tobacco and confectionery, and automotive equipment trades. Wholesale sales of drugs were up 9 per cent over October, 1945. There was no change in dollar sales of fruits and vegetables in Canada as a whole, the increase of 12 per cent which was reported for Western Canada being offset by decreases of 9 per cent in the Maritimes and Quebec and 7 per cent in Ontario.

Marked improvements were reported in the inventory position of wholesalers in most trades, resulting in an overall increase in value of stocks on hand of 20 per cent. Stocks held by the clothing trade showed the greatest increase in dollar value over October last year with a gain of 74 per cent. Inventories of wholesale grocers were valued 32 per cent higher than at the end of October, 1945, while increases in stocks on hand for other trades were as follows; tobacco and confectionery, 29 per cent; footwear, 28 per cent; automotive equipment and dry goods, 24 per cent; and fruits and vegetables, 23 per cent. Lesser gains of 8 and 6 per cent were reported by wholesalers of hardware and drugs.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY Oct., 1946 Oct., 1945
	(1) September 1946	(2) October 1946	Year-to-date 1946	
	September 1945	October 1945	Year-to-date 1945	
Automotive Equipment .....	+32.0	+14.3	+40.9	+24.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+23.8	+ 5.0		
Ontario .....	+51.1	+28.3		
Western Provinces .....	+22.9	+ 8.1		
Drugs .....	+13.8	+ 8.6	+10.6	+ 6.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+13.2	+ 7.5		
Western Provinces .....	+15.7	+11.6		
Clothing .....	+22.2	+18.0	+20.2	+74.0
Quebec .....	+28.8	+35.9		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+19.2	+ 9.0		
Footwear .....	+38.4	+32.2	+24.8	+28.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+43.1	+54.7		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+35.1	+13.5		
Dry Goods .....	+21.4	+23.9	+19.2	+23.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+16.1	+17.7		
Ontario .....	+27.7	+31.9		
Western Provinces .....	+21.8	+24.2		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 1.8	(a)	+16.0	+23.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 0.3	- 9.4		
Ontario .....	- 7.3	- 6.5		
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.3	+11.8		
Groceries .....	+24.2	+21.9	+15.5	+31.9
Maritimes .....	+19.4	+11.4		
Quebec .....	+28.9	+25.8		
Ontario .....	+31.5	+22.1		
Prairies .....	+15.9	+24.0		
British Columbia .....	+25.7	+23.8		
Hardware .....	+22.7	+20.4	+32.4	+ 8.4
Maritimes .....	+16.7	+20.6		
Quebec .....	+18.7	+ 8.5		
Ontario .....	+28.0	+20.5		
Western Provinces .....	+23.0	+26.5		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+17.2	+16.3	+15.6	+28.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.0	+22.2		
Ontario .....	+17.3	+15.0		
Western Provinces .....	+16.9	+15.4		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+14.2	+ 7.3		
Quebec .....	+19.4	+16.3		
Ontario .....	+21.7	+15.0		
Prairies .....	+17.1	+19.9		
British Columbia .....	+20.4	+18.8		
CANADA .....	+19.2	+16.4	+19.5	+20.2

(1) Revised. (2) Preliminary. (a) Unchanged.



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1943	176.5	211.0	180.2	167.8	170.2	187.5	182.4	209.9	143.2	199.2
October, 1944	202.4	250.0	209.8	194.3	194.9	198.8	222.0	266.6	187.4	223.1
October, 1945	237.2	277.3	233.7	231.8	229.8	250.7	308.6	399.4	249.1	311.7
October, 1946	276.1	297.5	271.8	266.6	275.5	297.8	352.7	419.4	319.6	336.9
1945 - November	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
December	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
1946 - January	217.1	231.4	183.9	232.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
February	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
May	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9
June	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9
July	249.3	280.1	211.5	249.5	264.2	279.9	318.0	408.3	290.9	307.4
August	260.4	266.3	218.3	257.8	286.2	283.8	334.2	368.9	290.8	352.6
September	259.5	271.7	251.7	253.3	268.0	266.8	387.6	371.8	361.7	404.5
October	276.1	297.5	271.8	266.6	275.5	297.8	352.7	419.4	319.6	336.9

Year and Month	DRUGS					CLOTHING					FOOTWEAR					DRY GOODS				
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces				
October, 1943	207.8	207.0	208.0	184.4	189.2	188.2	154.4	151.3	154.2	162.1										
October, 1944	236.7	236.0	236.3	222.8	227.9	227.9	186.1	185.6	179.5	197.8										
October, 1945	258.2	264.1	277.7	238.6	263.9	263.9	184.6	178.4	184.0	199.0										
October, 1946	291.3	283.9	309.9	281.5	348.9	348.9	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2										
1945 - November	259.4	256.3	268.7	200.2	219.3	219.3	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8										
December	198.3	199.2	196.2	116.9	219.0	219.0	113.4	98.4	130.2	113.7										
1946 - January	246.4	243.3	254.8	280.8	230.1	230.1	201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1										
February	227.7	223.0	244.8	232.7	238.2	238.2	189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6										
March	228.9	224.3	242.1	235.6	290.0	290.0	191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5										
April	235.8	226.9	255.7	210.2	321.5	321.5	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3										
May	253.5	252.0	256.1	200.0	282.8	282.8	199.4	189.7	216.0	192.9										
June	213.9	200.3	251.4	181.6	239.6	239.6	173.6	175.7	175.1	161.5										
July	234.4	227.6	253.2	172.5	190.7	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7										
August	250.9	243.9	268.6	267.4	328.6	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2										
September	258.4	267.8	235.6	243.4	337.6	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3										
October	291.3	283.9	309.9	281.5	348.9	348.9	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2										

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Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1943 ...	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	209.8	181.8	181.7	250.0
October, 1944 ...	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	202.8	250.8
October, 1945 ...	203.1	255.0	204.1	204.3	182.3	214.9	288.5	250.9	272.4	318.8
October, 1946 ...	247.6	284.1	256.8	249.5	226.1	266.0	288.5	227.3	254.7	356.4
1945 - November ..	195.8	243.3	193.7	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.4	241.9	286.0	278.7
December ..	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.2	270.3	302.9	301.8
1946 - January ..	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.6	261.2	220.8
February ..	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
March ....	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
April .....	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
May .....	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9
June .....	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.8	235.5	329.0	335.8	304.2	347.5
July .....	221.1	275.9	198.7	222.3	206.6	225.7	328.0	248.4	330.0	382.0
August ...	225.3	255.9	202.8	234.8	211.2	232.2	311.6	189.1	278.8	433.9
September ..	223.1	247.5	213.2	225.8	205.4	237.4	301.7	287.8	237.9	372.4
October ..	247.6	284.1	256.8	249.5	226.1	266.0	288.5	227.3	254.7	356.4

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
October, 1943 ...	173.5	198.6	169.2	153.5	182.2	231.7	252.3	213.8	217.0	
October, 1944 ...	193.1	245.1	203.2	173.9	190.4	251.4	259.9	237.7	235.0	
October, 1945 ...	246.6	259.8	247.7	227.1	252.5	290.6	286.9	274.3	277.5	
October, 1946 ...	296.9	313.3	268.8	273.7	319.4	338.0	350.6	315.4	320.2	
1945 - November ..	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8	
December ..	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6	
1946 - January ..	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1	
February ..	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4	
March ....	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8	
April .....	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0	
May .....	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4	
June .....	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.4	294.6	296.6	288.0	
July .....	281.4	249.9	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.3	300.0	304.6	313.9	
August ...	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	308.0	278.5	323.0	297.5	
September ..	280.5	282.9	279.8	277.9	291.9	293.6	292.6	294.8	278.5	
October ..	296.9	313.3	268.8	273.7	319.4	338.0	350.6	315.4	320.2	



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, NOVEMBER, 1946

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in the month of November was 16.2 per cent higher than in the same month last year and 7 per cent below the October level according to statements of dollar sales received from 370 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index for Canada, on the base average for 1935-1939 = 100, stood at 257.4 for November, 1946, 221.5 for November, 1945, and 276.8 for October, 1946. Dollar sales for the year 1946 to date were 19 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1945.

Increases over last year were recorded for all regions of the country. Wholesalers in the Maritime Provinces had sales 10 per cent higher than in 1945. Increases of 12 and 17 per cent were recorded in Ontario and Quebec respectively, while wholesale sales in both the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia were up 21 per cent over last year.

For the individual kinds of business, the most marked gains over 1945 were recorded in the clothing and dry goods trades with increases of 42 and 36 per cent respectively. Clothing sales for November showed an increase over October instead of the normal seasonal decline, while a less-than-normal decline between October and November was experienced in the dry goods trade. Sales of footwear and hardware also showed substantial increases over last year amounting to 29 and 23 per cent respectively. More moderate gains, ranging from 18 to 10 per cent, were recorded for groceries, tobacco and confectionery, automotive equipment, and drugs. Wholesale sales of fruits and vegetables were 3 per cent below the 1945 figure.

Continued improvement in the value of stocks in the hands of wholesalers as compared with last year was evidenced when the overall increase for all trades for the month of November amounted to 24 per cent. The largest increase, 99 per cent, was recorded by clothing wholesalers. Inventories of wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery were up 42 per cent; of fruits and vegetables and of groceries, 37 per cent; of dry goods, 31 per cent; and of automotive equipment, 27 per cent. Stocks of footwear were up 15 per cent, while the hardware and drugs trades reported increases of 11 and 6 per cent respectively.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY Nov., 1946 Nov., 1945
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date	
	October 1946 October 1945	November 1946 November 1945	1946 Year-to-date 1945	
Automotive Equipment .....	+16.5	+13.4	+38.2	+27.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.1	+ 2.8		
Ontario .....	+33.2	+21.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.7	+11.3		
Drugs .....	+ 8.9	+ 9.6	+10.5	+ 5.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 7.9	+ 8.2		
Western Provinces .....	+11.6	+13.6		
Clothing .....	+18.0	+41.8	+22.2	+99.4
Quebec .....	+35.9	+50.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+ 9.0	+35.8		
Footwear .....	+32.8	+28.8	+25.3	+14.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+54.7	+66.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+16.3	- 8.0		
Dry Goods .....	+23.9	+36.0	+20.7	+31.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+17.7	+29.1		
Ontario .....	+31.9	+46.4		
Western Provinces .....	+24.2	+32.3		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 0.2	- 2.7	+14.2	+37.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 9.3	- 5.1		
Ontario .....	- 6.6	-12.6		
Western Provinces .....	+11.8	+10.7		
Groceries .....	+22.1	+18.3	+15.8	+36.6
Maritimes .....	+11.4	+14.0		
Quebec .....	+25.6	+18.9		
Ontario .....	+22.0	+14.5		
Prairies .....	+24.6	+22.2		
British Columbia .....	+23.8	+23.1		
Hardware .....	+20.5	+23.4	+31.5	+10.5
Maritimes .....	+20.6	+17.3		
Quebec .....	+ 9.0	+19.0		
Ontario .....	+19.8	+22.7		
Western Provinces .....	+27.0	+21.4		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+16.1	+13.8	+15.4	+41.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+20.6	+ 6.9		
Ontario .....	+15.1	+ 8.7		
Western Provinces .....	+15.4	+21.8		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 7.3	+ 9.5		
Quebec .....	+10.5	+17.5		
Ontario .....	+15.2	+11.9		
Prairies .....	+20.5	+20.6		
British Columbia .....	+18.8	+21.3		
CANADA .....	+16.7	+16.2	+19.2	+23.7

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1943 ...	172.2	212.7	173.1	164.5	165.3	190.4	169.4	190.0	144.2	187.4
November, 1944 ...	195.3	245.9	194.9	189.3	190.6	200.7	208.9	229.9	175.5	235.7
November, 1945 ...	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
November, 1946 ...	257.4	282.0	246.9	250.8	258.3	289.2	329.8	365.9	300.5	345.3
1945 - December ..	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
1946 - January ...	217.1	231.4	183.9	232.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
February ..	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March .....	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April .....	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
May .....	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9
June .....	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9
July .....	249.3	280.1	211.5	249.5	264.2	279.9	318.0	408.3	290.9	307.4
August .....	260.4	266.3	218.3	257.8	286.2	283.8	334.2	368.9	290.8	352.6
September ..	259.5	271.7	251.7	253.3	268.0	266.8	387.6	371.8	361.7	404.5
October ...	276.8	297.5	272.3	267.0	276.9	297.8	359.5	415.8	331.8	338.8
November ..	257.4	282.0	246.9	250.8	258.3	289.2	329.8	365.9	300.5	345.3

Year and Month	DRUGS					CLOTHING FOOTWEAR					DRY GOODS				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
November, 1943 ...	200.5	199.4	203.5	203.5		173.2	174.2	138.6	135.1	140.1	156.3	135.1	140.1	156.3	
November, 1944 ...	231.8	234.7	223.0	223.0		194.9	189.4	158.7	152.9	165.7	175.8	152.9	165.7	175.8	
November, 1945 ...	259.4	256.3	268.7	268.7		200.2	219.3	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8	156.7	166.4	181.8	
November, 1946 ...	284.3	277.3	305.2	305.2		283.9	282.5	220.3	202.3	243.6	240.5	202.3	243.6	240.5	
1945 - December ..	198.3	199.2	196.2	196.2		116.9	219.0	113.4	98.4	130.2	113.7	98.4	130.2	113.7	
1946 - January ...	246.4	243.3	254.8	254.8		280.8	230.1	201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1	178.5	241.7	193.1	
February ..	227.7	223.0	244.8	244.8		232.7	238.2	189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6	197.1	195.2	167.6	
March .....	228.9	224.3	242.1	242.1		235.6	290.0	191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5	192.1	194.8	204.5	
April ..	235.8	226.9	255.7	255.7		210.2	321.5	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3	198.5	196.8	172.3	
May .....	253.5	252.0	256.1	256.1		200.0	282.8	199.4	189.7	216.0	192.9	189.7	216.0	192.9	
June .....	213.9	200.3	251.4	251.4		181.6	239.6	173.6	175.7	175.1	161.5	175.7	175.1	161.5	
July .....	234.4	227.6	253.2	253.2		172.5	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7	132.1	177.8	200.7	
August .....	250.9	243.9	268.6	268.6		267.4	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2	186.1	234.3	242.2	
September ..	258.4	267.8	235.6	235.6		243.4	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3	223.1	239.9	231.3	
October ...	292.1	285.0	309.9	309.9		281.5	350.5	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2	210.0	242.7	247.2	
November ..	284.3	277.3	305.2	305.2		283.9	282.5	220.3	202.3	243.6	240.5	202.3	243.6	240.5	

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1943	156.6	211.3	152.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	201.6	207.1	192.1	217.3
November, 1944	185.6	242.8	201.1	187.2	159.5	183.2	206.0	189.3	193.8	238.2
November, 1945	195.8	243.3	193.9	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.4	241.9	286.0	278.7
November, 1946	231.6	277.4	230.5	232.1	210.6	256.2	262.1	229.6	250.0	308.5
1945 - December	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.2	270.3	302.9	301.8
1946 - January	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.6	261.2	220.8
February	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
March	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
April	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
May	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9
June	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.8	235.5	329.0	335.8	304.2	347.5
July	221.1	275.9	198.7	222.3	208.6	225.7	328.0	248.4	330.0	382.0
August	225.3	255.9	202.8	234.8	211.2	232.2	311.6	189.1	278.8	433.9
September	223.1	247.5	213.2	225.8	205.4	257.4	301.7	287.8	237.9	372.4
October	248.0	284.1	256.3	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.9	227.6	254.4	356.4
November	231.6	277.4	230.5	232.1	210.6	256.2	262.1	229.6	250.0	308.5

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1943 ...	176.5	166.4	181.5	153.4	186.2	222.9	233.3	213.9	225.8
November, 1944 ...	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	243.2	262.9	232.3	242.1
November, 1945 ...	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8
November, 1946 ...	291.8	261.5	277.9	275.3	297.1	313.5	274.3	303.8	334.7
1945 - December ..	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6
1946 - January ...	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1
February ..	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4
March .....	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8
April .....	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0
May .....	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4
June .....	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.4	294.6	296.6	288.0
July .....	281.4	249.9	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.3	300.0	304.6	313.9
August .....	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	308.0	278.5	323.0	297.5
September ..	280.5	282.9	279.8	277.9	291.9	293.6	292.6	294.8	278.5
October ...	297.2	313.3	270.0	272.1	320.7	337.4	346.0	315.7	320.2
November ..	291.8	261.5	277.9	275.3	297.1	313.5	274.3	303.8	334.7



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1946

Wholesale sales in Canada during the month of December, 1946 were 13 per cent above the dollar sales volume for December, 1945 according to statements received from 370 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. This was the smallest advance recorded for any month of the current year. The general unadjusted index for Canada (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 220.0 for December, 1946, 194.7 for December, 1945, and 256.9 for November, 1946. Dollar sales for the twelve months of 1946 were 19 per cent above those for the year 1945.

Wholesalers in the province of Quebec reported the greatest gain over December, 1945 with sales up 18 per cent. British Columbia came next with an increase of 14 per cent. Ontario and the Prairie Provinces followed with gains of 12 per cent while sales in the Maritime Provinces were 11 per cent higher than in December, 1945.

Among the individual trades, clothing and dry goods wholesalers continued to show the largest increases with sales 43 per cent and 35 per cent respectively above the December, 1945 volume. Sales of hardware wholesalers were 22 per cent higher than in the same month last year, while grocery wholesalers' sales were up 17 per cent. An increase of 13 per cent was recorded by the automotive equipment trade, the footwear and tobacco and confectionery groups following closely with increases of 12 per cent. The 9 per cent increase between December, 1945 and 1946 for drug wholesalers was consistent with the margin which existed in the immediately preceding months. The decline from 1945 in dollar volume of wholesale sales of fruits and vegetables which has been evident for several months continued, with sales in this trade 7 per cent below the December, 1945 volume.

The value of wholesalers' inventories at December 31, 1946 was 23 per cent higher than at the same date last year. The clothing group, with stocks valued 93 per cent higher than at December, 1945 again showed the greatest increase. Stocks on hand in the wholesale grocery trade were 44 per cent higher than last year while the automotive equipment wholesalers reported an increase of 30 per cent. Other increases in value of stocks on hand were as follows; dry goods, 22 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 19 per cent; drugs, 12 per cent; fruits and vegetables and hardware, 6 per cent; and footwear, 4 per cent.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	(2)	
	November 1946 November 1945	December 1946 December 1945	12 months 1946 12 months 1945	
Automotive Equipment .....	+12.5	+13.3	+36.4	+30.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 1.7	+22.0		
Ontario .....	+20.9	+27.2		
Western Provinces .....	+10.5	- 0.1		
Trucks .....	+ 9.6	+ 8.8	+10.4	+12.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 8.2	+ 8.5		
Western Provinces .....	+13.6	+ 9.6		
Clothing .....	+39.7	+42.5	+23.1	+93.1
Quebec .....	+50.2	+56.4		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+32.9	+30.3		
Footwear .....	+28.8	+12.3	+24.2	+ 4.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+66.2	+ 7.4		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	- 8.0	+21.5		
Dry Goods .....	+35.1	+35.1	+21.5	+21.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+28.5	+46.4		
Ontario .....	+46.4	+30.4		
Western Provinces .....	+61.5	+20.0		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 2.4	- 7.1	+12.2	+ 5.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 4.5	-11.7		
Ontario .....	-12.8	-11.3		
Western Provinces .....	+11.2	+ 0.1		
Groceries .....	+18.0	+17.0	+15.9	+44.0
Maritimes .....	+12.9	+10.8		
Quebec .....	+18.5	+20.7		
Ontario .....	+14.5	+13.2		
Prairies .....	+22.2	+18.0		
British Columbia .....	+23.1	+26.6		
Hardware .....	+22.9	+21.7	+30.7	+ 6.1
Maritimes .....	+10.5	+26.4		
Quebec .....	+19.0	+30.3		
Ontario .....	+23.3	+32.0		
Western Provinces .....	+26.1	+12.5		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+13.3	+11.5	+15.1	+18.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 6.9	+18.0		
Ontario .....	+ 8.0	+12.5		
Western Provinces .....	+21.5	+ 8.3		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes .....	+ 8.6	+10.9		
Quebec .....	+17.5	+18.0		
Ontario .....	+11.8	+11.8		
Prairies .....	+20.5	+11.4		
British Columbia .....	+21.1	+14.2		
CANADA .....	+16.0	+13.0	+18.7	+22.7

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1943 ...	164.1	189.9	155.7	160.4	158.3	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5	146.4
December, 1944 ...	171.5	201.1	163.5	174.7	153.9	198.3	166.8	175.0	150.3	191.8
December, 1945 ...	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
December, 1946 ...	220.0	240.7	215.7	226.7	187.4	275.3	228.9	352.7	240.7	203.1
1946 - January ...	217.1	231.4	183.9	232.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
February ..	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March .....	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April .....	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
May .....	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9
June .....	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9
July .....	249.3	280.1	211.5	249.5	264.2	279.9	318.0	408.3	290.9	307.4
August .....	260.4	266.3	218.3	257.8	286.2	283.8	334.2	368.9	290.8	352.6
September ..	259.5	271.7	251.7	253.3	268.0	266.8	387.6	371.8	361.7	404.5
October ...	276.3	297.5	272.3	267.0	276.9	297.8	359.5	415.8	331.8	338.8
November ..	256.9	279.6	246.9	250.5	258.1	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
December ..	220.0	240.7	215.7	226.7	187.4	275.3	228.9	352.7	240.7	203.1

Year and Month	DRUGS		CLOTHING FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS	
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont. Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario Western Provinces
December, 1943 ...	189.2	192.4	180.6	173.4	105.0	109.0 121.3
December, 1944 ...	186.7	190.3	176.8	143.7	111.8	124.4 104.8
December, 1945 ...	198.3	199.2	196.2	219.0	113.4	130.2 113.7
December, 1946 ...	215.8	216.1	215.0	245.9	153.2	169.8 136.4
1946 - January ...	246.4	243.3	254.8	230.1	201.7	241.7 193.1
February ..	227.7	223.0	244.8	238.2	189.9	195.2 167.6
March .....	228.9	224.3	242.1	290.0	191.6	194.8 204.5
April .....	235.8	226.9	255.7	321.5	193.1	196.8 172.3
May .....	253.5	252.0	256.1	282.8	199.4	210.0 192.9
June .....	213.9	200.3	251.4	239.6	173.6	175.1 161.5
July .....	234.4	227.6	253.2	190.7	161.6	177.8 200.7
August .....	250.9	243.9	268.6	328.6	215.7	234.3 242.2
September ..	258.4	267.8	235.6	337.6	232.2	239.9 231.3
October ...	292.1	285.0	309.9	350.5	228.7	242.7 247.2
November ..	284.3	277.3	305.2	282.5	218.9	243.6 239.1
December ..	215.8	216.1	215.0	245.9	153.2	169.8 136.4

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

## GROCERIES

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	CANADA					British Columbia		Prairies		Ontario		Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario		Western Provinces	
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia											
December, 1943	155.5	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8						208.1		218.0		258.4	
December, 1944	163.1	203.8	157.0	172.3	134.0	184.2						216.2		230.9		242.6	
December, 1945	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0						270.3		302.9		301.8	
December, 1946	200.8	240.2	194.8	211.5	161.3	248.1						238.7		268.7		302.1	
1946 - January	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2						178.6		261.2		220.8	
February	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0						234.9		245.9		240.6	
March	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2						264.3		321.1		284.2	
April	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.5	172.8	212.6						311.4		324.7		303.5	
May	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7						304.3		342.7		332.9	
June	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.8	235.5						335.8		304.2		347.5	
July	221.1	275.9	198.7	222.3	208.6	225.7						248.4		330.0		382.0	
August	225.3	255.9	202.8	234.8	211.2	232.2						189.1		278.8		433.9	
September	223.1	247.5	213.2	225.8	205.4	257.4						287.8		237.9		372.4	
October	248.0	284.1	256.3	249.2	227.1	266.0						227.6		254.4		356.4	
November	231.0	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2						231.0		249.4		309.9	
December	240.8	240.2	192.0	211.5	191.3	246.1						238.7		268.7		302.1	

## Hardware

## Tobacco and Confectionery

Year and Month	CANADA					Western Provinces		Ontario		Quebec		Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario		Western Provinces	
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Western Provinces											
December, 1943	147.6	131.5	143.9	132.7	135.7	135.7						235.3		212.1		225.9	
December, 1944	156.5	134.5	147.9	149.6	164.0	164.0						270.3		235.4		227.9	
December, 1945	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	209.9						275.2		262.9		269.5	
December, 1946	245.3	206.5	242.5	268.4	236.1	236.1						324.7		295.8		292.0	
1946 - January	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	259.2						233.9		256.4		247.1	
February	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	283.0						195.7		242.5		221.4	
March	283.8	229.8	207.6	273.9	292.5	292.5						273.6		260.5		265.8	
April	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	289.5						289.8		280.1		275.0	
May	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	337.2						301.5		361.4		306.4	
June	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	307.4						294.6		296.6		288.0	
July	281.4	249.9	247.8	254.8	316.9	316.9						300.0		304.6		313.9	
August	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	327.8						278.5		323.0		297.5	
September	280.5	282.9	279.8	277.9	291.9	291.9						292.6		294.8		278.5	
October	297.2	313.3	270.0	272.1	320.7	320.7						346.0		315.7		320.2	
November	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	308.6						274.3		301.9		333.9	
December	245.3	206.5	242.5	268.4	236.1	236.1						324.7		295.8		292.0	



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1947

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada during the month of January, 1947 was 9 per cent above that for the same month of 1946 according to statements received from 350 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index for Canada (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 237.5 for January, 1947, 217.1 for January, 1946 and 221.6 for December, 1946.

Increases reported in the different regions of the country, with the exception of the Maritime Provinces, varied between the relatively narrow limits of 8 and 12 per cent. Sales in the Prairie Provinces were up 12 per cent, in Ontario and Quebec, 10 per cent, and in British Columbia, 8 per cent. An increase of 3 per cent over January, 1946 in dollar volume of sales was recorded for the Maritime Provinces.

Sales of wholesalers in the footwear trade, up 25 per cent, continued to show the greatest increase in volume over last year. The clothing trade, which has for the past few months also reported high increases over the previous year, registered an increase of only 8 per cent in January, 1947 over January, 1946. This was the result of a drop of 6 per cent in sales reported by clothing wholesalers in Ontario and the Western Provinces combined. Sales of clothing wholesalers in Quebec, however, were 58 per cent higher in January last year. Wholesalers in the hardware and grocery trades had sales 16 per cent above those in the same month a year ago. A 10 per cent gain was reported by the tobacco and confectionery wholesalers while other increases in sales amounted to 9 per cent for dry goods and 4 per cent for drugs. Sales of fruits and vegetables continued lower in dollar volume than last year, a drop of 6 per cent being recorded from January a year ago.

Stocks held by wholesalers at the end of January, 1947 were valued 29 per cent higher than those on hand at the same date last year. Substantial increases in dollar value of stocks on hand were in evidence in all lines of trade covered by the survey. Wholesale grocers' stocks were 44 per cent higher in dollar value, the same percentage increase which they reported in December. The clothing, dry goods, and footwear trades continued to record marked increases over last year with stocks valued 39, 36, and 29 per cent higher respectively than at January 31, 1946. Value of stocks of fruit and vegetable dealers were 25 per cent in excess of last year, while hardware wholesalers' stocks were up 18 per cent, and tobacco and confectionery, 14 per cent.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	
	December 1946 December 1945	January 1947 January 1946	
Automotive Equipment .....	+13.1	(x)	(x)
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+16.8	(x)	
Ontario .....	+28.3	(x)	
Western Provinces .....	+ 0.1	-13.5	
Drugs .....	+ 9.6	+ 4.1	+15.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 9.0	+ 1.6	
Western Provinces .....	+11.2	+ 9.4	
Clothing .....	+43.2	+ 7.6	+38.9
Quebec .....	+60.0	+58.4	
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+29.2	- 6.4	
Footwear .....	+14.6	+24.8	+28.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 7.4	+27.6	
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+24.4	+21.5	
Dry Goods .....	+39.8	+ 9.2	+36.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+46.4	+ 0.8	
Ontario .....	+43.5	+ 9.3	
Western Provinces .....	+20.0	+20.2	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 7.3	- 5.6	+25.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-11.4	- 7.5	
Ontario .....	-11.4	- 8.6	
Western Provinces .....	- 0.1	- 0.9	
Groceries .....	+17.1	+15.7	+44.1
Maritimes .....	+10.8	+ 6.1	
Quebec .....	+20.2	+14.4	
Ontario .....	+13.6	+16.3	
Prairies .....	+18.1	+17.9	
British Columbia .....	+26.6	+20.5	
Hardware .....	+23.7	+16.2	+17.7
Maritimes .....	+26.4	+19.7	
Quebec .....	+26.2	+14.8	
Ontario .....	+32.4	+29.9	
Western Provinces .....	+18.5	+10.4	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+11.7	+10.2	+13.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.6	+ 5.2	
Ontario .....	+12.4	+12.2	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.3	+10.0	
Wholesale Trade -			
Maritimes .....	+ 9.7	+ 2.6	
Quebec .....	+17.1	+ 9.8	
Ontario .....	+13.2	+ 9.5	
Prairies .....	+13.3	+11.5	
British Columbia .....	+14.1	+ 7.9	
CANADA .....	+13.8	+ 9.4	+29.2

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.

(x) Not yet available.



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
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**WHOLESALE TRADE**

**AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1944 .....	159.5	176.5	149.1	161.5	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0
January, 1945 .....	182.6	202.8	164.8	189.8	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	220.5
January, 1946 .....	217.1	231.4	183.9	232.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
January, 1947 .....	237.5	237.4	201.9	254.6	230.2	272.0	(x)	(x)	(x)	349.0
1946 - February ...	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March .....	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April .....	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
May .....	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9
June .....	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9
July .....	249.3	280.1	211.5	249.5	264.2	279.9	318.0	408.3	290.9	307.4
August .....	260.4	266.3	218.3	257.8	286.2	283.8	334.2	368.9	290.8	352.6
September ..	259.5	271.7	251.7	253.3	268.0	266.8	387.6	371.8	361.7	404.5
October .....	276.8	297.5	272.3	267.0	276.9	297.8	359.5	415.8	331.8	338.8
November ...	256.9	279.6	246.9	250.5	258.1	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
December ...	221.6	238.0	214.1	229.6	190.6	275.1	228.5	337.7	242.7	203.5
1947 - January ....	237.5	237.4	201.9	254.6	230.2	272.0	(x)	(x)	(x)	349.0

**DRUGS**

**CLOTHING FOOTWEAR**

**DRY GOODS**

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Que. & Ont. Provinces	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1944 .....	197.9	197.2	200.1	200.1	225.2	201.1	188.0	165.8	204.6	209.8
January, 1945 .....	216.9	213.8	225.7	225.7	231.5	221.0	182.2	165.0	204.0	187.8
January, 1946 .....	246.4	243.3	254.8	254.8	280.8	230.1	201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1
January, 1947 .....	256.5	247.2	278.8	278.8	302.1	287.2	220.3	179.9	264.2	232.1
1946 - February ...	227.7	223.0	244.8	244.8	232.7	238.2	189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6
March .....	228.9	224.3	242.1	242.1	235.6	290.0	191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5
April .....	235.8	226.9	255.7	255.7	210.2	321.5	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3
May .....	253.5	252.0	256.1	256.1	200.0	282.8	199.4	189.7	210.0	192.9
June .....	213.9	200.3	251.4	251.4	181.6	239.6	173.6	175.7	175.1	161.5
July .....	234.4	227.6	253.2	253.2	172.5	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7
August .....	250.9	243.9	268.6	268.6	267.4	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2
September ..	258.4	267.8	235.6	235.6	243.4	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3
October ....	292.1	285.0	309.9	309.9	281.5	350.5	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2
November ...	284.3	277.3	305.2	305.2	279.7	282.5	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1
December ...	217.3	217.1	218.2	218.2	167.4	251.0	158.5	144.1	186.8	136.4
1947 - January ....	256.5	247.2	278.8	278.8	302.1	287.2	220.3	179.9	264.2	232.1

(x) Not yet available.

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

## GROCERIES

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1944	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
January, 1945	165.4	210.8	134.3	174.1	146.4	183.1	189.1	170.7	193.6	185.1
January, 1946	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.6	261.2	220.8
January, 1947	214.9	250.7	163.8	234.7	193.0	246.1	217.6	165.2	238.7	218.8
1946 - February	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
March	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
April	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
May	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9
June	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.8	235.5	329.0	335.8	304.2	347.5
July	221.1	275.9	198.7	222.3	208.6	225.7	328.0	248.4	330.0	382.0
August	225.3	255.9	202.8	234.8	211.2	232.2	311.6	189.1	278.8	433.9
September	223.1	247.5	213.2	225.8	205.4	257.4	301.7	287.8	237.9	372.4
October	248.0	284.1	256.3	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.9	227.6	254.4	356.4
November	231.0	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	262.9	231.0	249.4	309.9
December	200.9	240.2	194.0	212.2	161.4	248.1	276.4	239.5	268.4	301.5
1947 - January	214.9	250.7	163.8	234.7	193.0	246.1	217.6	165.2	238.7	218.8

## HARDWARE

### TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1944	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.1	185.3	182.9	181.7
January, 1945	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	224.5	214.0	235.9	203.7
January, 1946	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1
January, 1947	265.5	208.4	275.4	253.3	286.2	280.8	246.1	287.7	271.8
1946 - February	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4
March	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8
April	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0
May	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4
June	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.4	294.6	296.6	288.0
July	281.4	249.9	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.3	300.0	304.6	313.9
August	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	308.0	278.5	323.0	297.5
September	280.5	282.9	279.8	277.9	291.9	293.6	292.6	294.8	278.5
October	297.2	313.3	270.0	272.1	320.7	337.4	346.0	315.7	320.2
November	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	312.1	274.3	301.9	333.9
December	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	304.7	326.4	295.5	292.0
1947 - January	265.5	208.4	275.4	253.3	286.2	280.8	246.1	287.7	271.8



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1947

Wholesale sales in Canada in February, 1947, advanced 11 per cent in dollar volume over those for February, 1946 but dropped slightly from the January level, according to statements received from 375 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index for Canada (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 232.5 for February, 1947, 210.4 for February, 1946, and 237.5 for January, 1947.

The various economic regions of the country all shared in the increase over February a year ago. British Columbia wholesale sales registered the smallest increase at 7 per cent, followed by the Maritime Provinces with a gain of 8 per cent. Wholesale sales in the Prairie Provinces were 9 per cent above those for February last year, while Quebec and Ontario sales were up by 12 and 13 per cent respectively.

Among the individual trades, footwear continued to show the largest increase in dollar volume of sales over last year with a gain of 26 per cent. Dry goods and clothing, which reported less substantial gains over last year in the month of January than in preceeding months, registered increases of 20 per cent and 18 per cent respectively over the February, 1946 dollar volume. Sales of wholesale grocers were 16 per cent above last February's level, while increases in other trades amounted to 14 per cent for hardware, 12 per cent for automotive equipment, and 8 per cent for tobacco and confectionery. Drug wholesalers reported their sales volume to be 3 per cent below that for February last year, while wholesale dealers in fruits and vegetables indicated a drop of 8 per cent in the dollar volume of their sales.

Wholesalers' stocks were valued 29 per cent higher at the end of February, 1947, than at the same date last year. Increases were reported for all trades coming within the scope of the survey. Clothing and dry goods continued to record the largest increases over last year, at 52 per cent and 42 per cent respectively. Wholesale grocers' stocks were valued 41 per cent higher than at February 28, 1946, while the value of stocks on hand in the wholesale footwear trade was up 31 per cent. Other increases were as follows; automotive equipment, 27 per cent; hardware, 23 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 15 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 14 per cent; and drugs, 10 per cent.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	
	January, 1947 <u>January,</u> 1946	February, 1947 <u>February,</u> 1946	
			February, 1947 <u>February, 1946</u>
Automotive Equipment .....	- 3.7	+12.2	+27.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 5.0	+21.1	
Ontario .....	+ 5.3	+20.4	
Western Provinces .....	-13.5	- 0.8	
Drugs .....	+ 3.3	- 3.4	+ 9.7
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 0.8	- 3.5	
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.4	- 3.3	
Clothing .....	+ 4.7	+18.3	+51.9
Quebec .....	+53.4	+13.6	
Ontario and Western Provinces.	- 7.9	+20.3	
Footwear .....	+21.0	+25.5	+30.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+27.6	+35.4	
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+15.1	+18.1	
Dry Goods .....	+ 8.5	+19.6	+42.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.2	+12.9	
Ontario .....	+ 6.3	+38.3	
Western Provinces .....	+20.2	+ 7.9	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 5.5	- 8.4	+15.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 6.0	- 6.9	
Ontario .....	- 8.7	- 9.3	
Western Provinces .....	- 1.2	- 8.3	
Groceries .....	+15.1	+16.1	+40.9
Maritimes .....	+ 6.0	+13.2	
Quebec .....	+13.3	+10.2	
Ontario .....	+16.3	+20.1	
Prairies .....	+16.7	+17.7	
British Columbia .....	+20.5	+12.6	
Hardware .....	+17.4	+13.9	+23.2
Maritimes .....	+18.9	+14.9	
Quebec .....	+15.4	+16.8	
Ontario .....	+28.0	+16.8	
Western Provinces .....	+13.3	+11.6	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+10.1	+ 8.0	+14.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+10.1	+17.0	
Ontario .....	+10.8	+ 7.5	
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.3	+ 5.0	
Wholesale Trade -			
Maritimes .....	+ 1.5	+ 8.2	
Quebec .....	+11.2	+11.9	
Ontario .....	+ 9.0	+12.7	
Prairies .....	+12.1	+ 9.1	
British Columbia .....	+ 7.5	+ 7.2	
CANADA .....	+ 9.4	+10.5	+29.3

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
February, 1944	168.7	174.3	164.4	165.8	161.8	191.4	183.7	199.4	159.2	200.8	
February, 1945	178.3	187.4	170.6	181.4	167.6	197.0	210.2	255.8	167.3	233.1	
February, 1946	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2	
February, 1947	232.5	220.8	220.7	238.8	222.7	260.0	344.1	428.7	305.2	336.5	
1946 - March	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7	
April	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5	
May	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9	
June	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9	
July	249.3	280.1	211.5	249.5	264.2	279.9	318.0	408.3	290.9	307.4	
August	260.4	266.3	218.3	257.8	286.2	283.8	334.2	368.9	290.8	352.6	
September	259.5	271.7	251.7	253.3	268.0	266.8	387.6	371.8	361.7	404.5	
October	276.8	297.5	272.3	267.0	276.9	297.8	359.5	415.8	331.8	338.8	
November	256.9	279.6	246.9	250.5	258.1	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8	
December	221.6	238.0	214.1	229.6	190.6	275.1	228.5	337.7	242.7	203.5	
1947 - January	237.5	234.9	204.5	253.4	231.5	271.0	343.3	343.9	348.3	349.0	
February	232.5	220.8	220.7	238.8	222.7	260.0	344.1	428.7	305.2	336.5	

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING			FOOTWEAR			DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces		
February, 1944	195.4	193.1	204.4	204.4	222.5	186.8	174.3	175.3	175.9	168.1			
February, 1945	202.6	200.4	211.6	211.6	209.6	215.6	173.1	171.8	180.6	162.9			
February, 1946	227.7	223.0	244.8	244.8	232.7	238.2	189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6			
February, 1947	220.0	215.2	236.7	236.7	275.3	298.9	227.1	222.5	270.0	180.8			
1946 - March	228.9	224.3	242.1	242.1	235.6	290.0	191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5			
April	235.8	226.9	255.7	255.7	210.2	321.5	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3			
May	253.5	252.0	256.1	256.1	200.0	282.8	199.4	189.7	210.0	192.9			
June	213.9	200.3	251.4	251.4	181.6	239.6	173.6	175.7	175.1	161.5			
July	234.4	227.6	253.2	253.2	172.5	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7			
August	250.9	243.9	268.6	268.6	267.4	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2			
September	258.4	267.8	235.6	235.6	243.4	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3			
October	292.1	285.0	309.9	309.9	281.5	350.5	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2			
November	284.3	277.3	305.2	305.2	279.7	282.5	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1			
December	217.3	217.1	218.2	218.2	167.4	251.0	158.5	144.1	186.8	136.4			
1947 - January	254.5	245.2	278.8	278.8	294.0	278.4	218.8	186.0	256.9	232.1			
February	220.0	215.2	236.7	236.7	275.3	298.9	227.1	222.5	270.0	180.8			

**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
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Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1944	148.9	173.0	133.2	149.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
February, 1945	155.9	187.4	129.1	166.9	140.0	170.0	193.6	209.2	192.9	180.2
February, 1946	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
February, 1947	201.1	221.4	163.3	211.3	189.9	228.6	224.0	218.7	223.0	220.6
1946 - March	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
April	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
May	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9
June	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.8	235.5	329.0	335.8	304.2	347.5
July	221.1	275.9	198.7	222.3	208.6	225.7	328.0	248.4	330.0	382.0
August	225.3	255.9	202.8	234.8	211.2	232.2	311.6	189.1	278.8	433.9
September	223.1	247.5	213.2	225.8	205.4	257.4	301.7	287.8	237.9	372.4
October	248.0	284.1	256.3	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.9	227.6	254.4	356.4
November	231.0	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	262.9	231.0	249.4	309.9
December	200.9	240.2	194.0	212.2	161.4	248.1	276.4	239.5	268.4	301.5
1947 - January	213.7	250.5	162.2	234.7	191.0	246.1	217.8	167.9	238.5	218.2
February	201.1	221.4	163.3	211.3	189.9	228.6	224.0	218.7	223.0	220.6

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1944	176.6	135.1	149.0	146.8	204.1	190.0	183.5	189.6	187.8
February, 1945	188.3	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	213.2	206.6	221.5	200.9
February, 1946	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4
February, 1947	293.9	228.3	259.2	279.9	315.8	246.1	229.0	260.7	232.5
1946 - March	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8
April	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0
May	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4
June	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.4	294.6	296.6	288.0
July	281.4	249.9	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.3	300.0	304.6	313.9
August	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	308.0	278.5	323.0	297.5
September	280.5	282.9	279.8	277.9	291.9	293.6	292.6	294.8	278.5
October	297.2	313.3	270.0	272.1	320.7	337.4	346.0	315.7	320.2
November	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	312.1	274.3	301.9	333.9
December	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	304.7	326.4	295.5	292.0
1947 - January	268.3	207.0	276.8	249.6	293.7	280.5	257.5	284.1	270.1
February	293.9	228.3	259.2	279.9	315.8	246.1	229.0	260.7	232.5



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### MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, MARCH, 1947

The dollar volume of wholesale sales during March, 1947 stood 10 per cent above that of March a year ago maintaining the steady margin above last year which wholesalers' sales have held since the beginning of 1947. March sales were 11 per cent in excess of those for February. These figures are based on statements from 380 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The unadjusted general index for Canada (on the base, 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 256.5 for March, 1947, 234.0 for March, 1946, and 231.7 for February, 1947.

More variation in the increases for the various regions of the country was in evidence this month than last. The greatest gain over last year was recorded in British Columbia where wholesalers' sales were up 18 per cent. Sales in Quebec were 12 per cent above last year, in the Maritimes the gain was 10 per cent and in the Prairies, 9 per cent. Wholesalers in Ontario registered an increase of only 5 per cent over March a year ago.

Outstanding among the increases for individual trades was that recorded in sales of dry goods wholesalers which were 38 per cent higher than March, 1946. Hardware and grocery wholesalers' sales were up 17 and 15 per cent respectively, while clothing wholesalers reported a gain of 10 per cent. Sales in the footwear trade, which had been registering marked gains over last year for some months, recorded an increase of only 3 per cent above last year in March. Tobacco and confectionery sales were 3 per cent higher also, while the automotive equipment trade reported an increase of only 1 per cent. Sales of drug wholesalers were 3 per cent below last year. Fruit and vegetable dealers continued to show dollar sales below last year's volume with a drop of 12 per cent in March.

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers at the end of March, 1947 were valued 33 per cent higher than at the same date last year. Dry goods wholesalers, with an increase of 66 per cent, and clothing wholesalers, with a gain of 36 per cent, maintained the lead in increases over last year. Stocks of footwear wholesalers at the end of March were also 36 per cent higher in value than at March 31, 1946, while grocers' stocks were up 34 per cent and those of dealers in automotive equipment, 32 per cent. Stocks of hardware wholesalers were 29 per cent in excess of last year with other trades registering increases as follows: fruits and vegetables, 20 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 16 per cent; and drugs, 14 per cent.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1947 compared with 1946			
	Sales			INVENTORY March, 1947 March, 1946
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-	
	February, 1947 February, 1946	March, 1947 March, 1946	date, 1947 Year-to- date, 1946	
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 8.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.6	+32.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+21.1	+13.9		
Ontario .....	+21.8	- 6.5		
Western Provinces .....	- 6.1	+ 1.7		
Drugs .....	- 3.1	- 2.6	- 0.7	+13.8
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	- 3.0	- 2.9		
Western Provinces .....	- 3.3	- 1.4		
Clothing .....	+18.6	+10.3	+10.8	+36.0
Quebec .....	+15.9	+ 3.9		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+19.9	+14.6		
Footwear .....	+25.0	+ 3.2	+15.5	+35.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+35.4	+ 9.0		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+17.6	- 1.8		
Dry Goods .....	+21.5	+38.2	+22.5	+66.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+14.0	+34.0		
Ontario .....	+41.8	+51.0		
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.8	+27.9		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 9.0	-12.1	- 9.2	+19.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 7.5	- 5.8		
Ontario .....	-10.2	-19.1		
Western Provinces .....	- 8.3	- 7.4		
Groceries .....	+15.3	+15.2	+15.2	+34.2
Maritimes .....	+13.5	+11.8		
Quebec .....	+ 6.5	+13.9		
Ontario .....	+20.1	+11.5		
Prairies .....	+17.3	+17.4		
British Columbia .....	+12.6	+24.6		
Hardware .....	+13.9	+17.3	+16.2	+29.2
Maritimes .....	+17.6	+35.9		
Quebec .....	+15.7	+13.2		
Ontario .....	+17.0	+14.4		
Western Provinces .....	+11.6	+19.1		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 7.5	+ 2.8	+ 6.7	+16.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+17.2	+ 8.7		
Ontario .....	+ 6.1	+ 1.4		
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.0	+ 2.1		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes .....	+ 8.9	+10.1		
Quebec .....	+10.8	+12.4		
Ontario .....	+12.9	+ 5.3		
Prairies .....	+ 7.9	+ 9.0		
British Columbia .....	+ 7.4	+17.7		
CANADA .....	+10.1	+ 9.6	+ 9.7	+32.6

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
March, 1944 ....	190.7	214.2	185.7	191.0	180.8	205.3	183.3	179.9	163.2	205.5	
March, 1945 ....	201.4	219.6	195.2	202.7	191.5	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.5	263.5	
March, 1946 ....	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7	
March, 1947 ....	256.5	257.7	251.7	249.8	250.7	295.3	336.6	369.6	291.9	366.8	
1946 - April ...	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5	
May .....	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9	
June .....	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9	
July .....	249.3	280.1	211.5	249.5	264.2	279.9	318.0	408.3	290.9	307.4	
August ..	260.4	266.3	218.3	257.8	286.2	283.8	334.2	368.9	290.8	352.6	
September	259.5	271.7	251.7	253.3	268.0	266.8	387.6	371.8	361.7	404.5	
October .	276.8	297.5	272.3	267.0	276.9	297.8	359.5	415.8	331.8	338.8	
November	256.9	279.6	246.9	250.5	258.1	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8	
December	221.6	238.0	214.1	229.6	190.6	275.1	228.5	337.7	242.7	203.5	
1947 - January .	237.5	234.9	204.5	253.4	231.5	271.0	343.3	343.9	348.3	349.0	
February	231.7	222.3	218.5	239.2	220.2	260.4	332.8	428.7	308.8	318.5	
March ...	256.5	257.7	251.7	249.8	250.7	295.3	336.6	369.6	291.9	366.8	
Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR							DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
March, 1944 ....	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	187.9	187.9	190.5	182.4	209.0	
March, 1945 ....	209.4	206.0	218.9	223.3	226.0	186.2	186.2	182.3	189.7	205.7	
March, 1946 ....	228.9	224.3	242.1	235.6	290.0	191.6	191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5	
March, 1947 ....	222.9	217.8	238.7	259.9	299.3	264.8	264.8	257.4	294.1	261.6	
1946 - April ...	235.8	226.9	255.7	210.2	321.5	193.1	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3	
May .....	253.5	252.0	256.1	200.0	282.8	199.4	199.4	189.7	210.0	192.9	
June .....	213.9	200.3	251.4	181.6	239.6	173.6	173.6	175.7	175.1	161.5	
July .....	234.4	227.6	253.2	172.5	190.7	161.6	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7	
August ..	250.9	243.9	268.6	267.4	328.6	215.7	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2	
September	258.4	267.8	235.6	243.4	337.6	232.2	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3	
October .	292.1	285.0	309.9	281.5	350.5	228.7	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2	
November	284.3	277.3	305.2	279.7	282.5	218.9	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1	
December	217.3	217.1	218.2	167.4	251.0	158.5	158.5	144.1	186.8	136.4	
1947 - January .	254.5	245.2	278.8	294.0	278.4	218.8	218.8	186.0	256.9	232.1	
February	220.6	216.3	236.7	276.0	297.8	230.7	230.7	224.7	276.8	177.3	
March ...	222.9	217.8	238.7	259.9	299.3	264.8	264.8	257.4	294.1	261.6	

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1944 ....	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
March, 1945 ....	170.5	215.8	143.7	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.3
March, 1946 ....	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
March, 1947 ....	215.7	254.8	184.6	212.9	202.9	260.7	262.6	249.0	259.8	263.2
1946 - April ...	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
May .....	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9
June .....	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.8	235.5	329.0	335.8	304.2	347.5
July .....	221.1	275.9	198.7	222.3	208.6	225.7	328.0	248.4	330.0	382.0
August ..	225.3	255.9	202.8	234.8	211.2	232.2	311.6	189.1	278.8	433.9
September	223.1	247.5	213.2	225.8	205.4	257.4	301.7	287.8	237.9	372.4
October .	248.0	284.1	256.3	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.9	227.6	254.4	356.4
November	231.0	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	262.9	231.0	249.4	309.9
December	200.9	240.2	194.0	212.2	161.4	248.1	276.4	239.5	268.4	301.5
1947 - January .	213.7	250.5	162.2	234.7	191.0	246.1	217.8	167.9	238.5	218.2
February	199.7	222.0	157.8	211.3	189.2	228.6	222.5	217.3	220.8	220.6
March ...	215.7	254.8	184.6	212.9	202.9	260.7	262.6	249.0	259.8	263.2

Year and Month	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1944 ....	195.9	194.5	175.3	186.0	204.1	224.6	224.6	252.2	210.7	213.7
March, 1945 ....	217.8	195.1	204.9	196.2	229.2	249.3	249.3	263.8	246.7	229.7
March, 1946 ....	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8
March, 1947 ....	332.9	312.3	302.9	313.3	348.4	279.6	279.6	297.4	264.1	271.4
1946 - April ...	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0
May .....	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.0	340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4
June .....	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.4	302.4	294.6	296.6	288.0
July .....	281.4	249.9	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.3	317.3	300.0	304.6	313.9
August ..	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	308.0	308.0	278.5	323.0	297.5
September	280.5	282.9	279.8	277.9	291.9	293.6	293.6	292.6	294.8	278.5
October .	297.2	313.3	270.0	272.1	320.7	337.4	337.4	346.0	315.7	320.2
November	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	312.1	312.1	274.3	301.9	333.9
December	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	304.7	304.7	326.4	295.5	292.0
1947 - January .	268.3	207.0	276.8	249.6	293.7	280.5	280.5	257.5	284.1	270.1
February	293.9	233.7	256.7	280.3	315.8	245.0	245.0	229.4	257.3	232.5
March ...	332.9	312.3	302.9	313.3	348.4	279.6	279.6	297.4	264.1	271.4



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, APRIL, 1947

Wholesale sales in April this year exceeded by 13 per cent the dollar volume of sales in April, 1946 and were 5 per cent above March, 1947. These results are based on statements received from 388 of the larger wholesalers in Canada representing nine lines of trade. The unadjusted general index stands at 268.6 for April, 1947, 238.3 for April, 1946 and 256.5 for March, 1947. Cumulative sales for the first four months of the year were 11 per cent above those for the corresponding period of 1946.

British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces registered the largest increases over 1946 with gains of 19 and 18 per cent respectively. Quebec sales were 16 per cent above April last year, while sales in Ontario were up 12 per cent and in the Prairies, 8 per cent.

Results by individual trades varied considerably from the overall gain of 13 per cent. Sales of dry goods wholesalers showed the greatest improvement over April a year ago, the index (on the base, 1935 - 1939 = 100) rising from 193 to 281 for a gain of 46 per cent. An increase of 24 per cent in hardware sales over last year brought the index of sales in this trade to a new high of 347. Substantial increases of 18 and 17 per cent were recorded for the clothing and groceries trades, bringing the April indexes for these trades to 249 and 223 respectively. Sales in the automotive equipment trade rose 5 per cent above the already high volume of 1946, while wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery and drugs also reported increases of 5 per cent over last year. Sales of footwear wholesalers dropped 9 per cent from April, 1946, reducing the index from 322 to 294, while sales of fruit and vegetable dealers were 11 per cent below last year's level with the index for April, 1947 standing at 290.

The value of wholesalers' stocks at the end of April, 1947 was 35 per cent in excess of that at the same date last year. The greatest increases in value of stocks on hand compared with a year ago continued to appear in the dry goods, clothing and footwear trades which registered gains of 68, 58 and 52 per cent respectively. Substantial increases in value of stocks on hand were reported by most other trades under review. The wholesale grocery trade had stocks valued 36 per cent higher than last year while stocks in the hardware trade were up 29 per cent, and in automotive equipment, 27 per cent. Dealers in fruits and vegetables and in tobacco and confectionery reported increases of 24 and 20 per cent respectively in the value of stocks on hand at the end of the month. Drug wholesalers reported a more moderate increase of 8 per cent in value of stocks on hand at the end of April this year compared with last.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1947 compared with 1946			
	Sales			INVENTORY April, 1947 April, 1946
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-	
	March, 1947 March, 1946	April, 1947 April, 1946	date, 1947 Year-to- date, 1946	
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 1.0	+ 4.7	+ 2.4	+26.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+10.0	+22.0		
Ontario .....	- 6.6	+ 5.9		
Western Provinces .....	+ 3.3	- 2.3		
Drugs .....	- 2.4	+ 4.5	+ 0.6	+ 8.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	- 2.4	+ 4.6		
Western Provinces .....	- 2.4	+ 4.4		
Clothing .....	+12.9	+18.4	+13.1	+57.5
Quebec .....	+ 3.9	+33.0		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+18.3	+ 9.6		
Footwear .....	+ 3.5	- 8.5	+ 8.4	+52.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 9.1	- 7.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces	- 1.3	- 9.5		
Dry Goods .....	+38.3	+45.6	+28.3	+67.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+34.2	+44.8		
Ontario .....	+51.0	+51.0		
Western Provinces .....	+27.9	+38.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-11.8	-10.5	- 9.5	+24.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 5.1	-12.0		
Ontario .....	-19.1	- 8.8		
Western Provinces .....	- 7.4	-11.3		
Groceries .....	+15.1	+17.4	+15.7	+27.0
Maritimes .....	+11.8	+26.5		
Quebec .....	+13.8	+12.1		
Ontario .....	+11.5	+20.9		
Prairies .....	+16.9	+ 9.4		
British Columbia .....	+24.6	+22.0		
Hardware .....	+17.7	+24.1	+18.4	+28.8
Maritimes .....	+29.6	+25.8		
Quebec .....	+13.4	+18.5		
Ontario .....	+14.8	+15.1		
Western Provinces .....	+19.9	+30.5		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 2.3	+ 4.6	+ 6.0	+19.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 6.4	+18.2		
Ontario .....	+ 0.9	+ 4.7		
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.1	- 0.9		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes .....	+ 9.8	+18.2		
Quebec .....	+11.9	+15.5		
Ontario .....	+ 5.4	+11.7		
Prairies .....	+ 9.5	+ 7.8		
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CANADA.....	+ 9.6	+12.7	+10.5	+31.7

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1944	173.7	201.5	165.2	172.8	168.3	189.2	180.0	182.3	145.8	216.4
April, 1945	197.3	226.1	194.4	202.2	179.7	215.1	238.0	260.1	202.2	267.5
April, 1946	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
April, 1947	268.6	288.1	257.8	273.8	251.3	307.0	357.3	411.5	301.1	396.2
1946 - May	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9
June	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9
July	249.3	280.1	211.5	249.5	264.2	279.9	318.0	408.3	290.9	307.4
August	260.4	266.3	218.3	257.8	286.2	283.8	334.2	368.9	290.8	352.6
September	259.5	271.7	251.7	253.3	268.0	266.8	387.6	371.8	361.7	404.5
October	276.8	297.5	272.3	267.0	276.9	297.8	359.5	415.8	331.8	338.8
November	256.9	279.6	246.9	250.5	258.1	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
December	221.6	238.0	214.1	229.6	190.6	275.1	228.5	337.7	242.7	203.5
1947 - January	237.5	234.9	204.5	253.4	231.5	271.0	343.3	343.9	348.3	349.0
February	231.7	222.3	218.5	239.2	220.2	260.4	332.8	428.7	308.8	318.5
March	256.5	257.0	250.5	250.0	251.9	293.6	336.6	357.0	291.6	372.6
April	268.6	288.1	257.8	273.8	251.3	307.0	357.3	411.5	301.1	396.2

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING FOOTWEAR			DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1944	193.0	191.6	192.4		172.6	178.4	165.4	167.4	148.6	179.3
April, 1945	220.0	217.5	222.0		182.8	246.0	167.9	172.8	163.3	160.1
April, 1946	235.8	226.9	255.7		210.2	321.5	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3
April, 1947	246.4	237.3	267.0		248.9	294.2	281.2	287.4	297.2	239.2
1946 - May	253.5	252.0	256.1		200.0	282.8	199.4	189.7	216.0	192.9
June	213.9	200.3	251.4		181.6	239.6	173.6	175.7	175.1	161.5
July	234.4	227.6	253.2		172.5	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7
August	250.9	243.9	268.6		267.4	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2
September	258.4	267.8	235.6		243.4	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3
October	292.1	285.0	309.9		281.5	350.5	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2
November	284.3	277.3	305.2		279.7	282.5	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1
December	217.3	217.1	218.2		167.4	251.0	158.5	144.1	186.8	136.4
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April	246.4	237.3	267.0		248.9	294.2	281.2	287.4	297.2	239.2

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**GROCERIES**

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1944 ....	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	218.9	213.5	216.2	204.4
April, 1945 ....	166.6	209.6	150.4	171.3	146.3	181.1	256.1	266.4	252.1	233.8
April, 1946 ....	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
April, 1947 ....	222.6	278.7	190.2	234.1	189.0	259.4	289.5	274.0	296.1	269.2
1946 - May .....	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9
June .....	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.8	235.5	329.0	335.8	304.2	347.5
July .....	221.1	275.9	198.7	222.3	208.6	225.7	328.0	248.4	330.0	382.0
August ..	225.3	255.9	202.8	234.8	211.2	232.2	311.6	189.1	278.8	433.9
September	223.1	247.5	213.2	225.8	205.4	257.4	301.7	287.8	237.9	372.4
October .	248.0	284.1	256.3	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.9	227.6	254.4	356.4
November	231.0	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	262.9	231.0	249.4	309.9
December	200.9	240.2	194.0	212.2	161.4	248.1	276.4	239.5	268.4	301.5
1947 - January .	213.7	250.5	162.2	234.7	191.0	246.1	217.8	167.9	238.5	218.2
February	199.7	222.0	157.8	211.3	189.2	228.6	222.5	217.3	220.8	220.6
March ...	215.5	254.8	184.5	212.9	202.0	260.7	263.5	250.8	259.8	263.2
April ...	222.6	276.7	190.2	234.1	189.0	259.4	289.5	274.0	296.1	269.2

**HARDWARE**

**TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY**

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1944 ....	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	214.5	237.5	199.2	196.3
April, 1945 ....	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	243.5	281.4	238.2	205.5
April, 1946 ....	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0
April, 1947 ....	346.5	343.1	300.2	325.0	377.8	307.2	342.5	293.3	272.5
1946 - May .....	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4
June .....	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.4	294.6	296.6	288.0
July .....	281.4	249.9	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.3	300.0	304.6	313.9
August ..	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	308.0	278.5	323.0	297.5
September	280.5	282.9	279.8	277.9	291.9	293.6	292.6	294.8	278.5
October .	297.2	313.3	270.0	272.1	320.7	337.4	346.0	315.7	320.2
November	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	312.1	274.3	301.9	333.9
December	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	304.7	326.4	295.5	292.0
1947 - January .	268.3	207.0	276.8	249.6	293.7	280.5	257.5	284.1	270.1
February	293.9	233.7	256.7	280.3	315.8	245.0	229.4	257.3	232.5
March ...	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	278.3	291.1	262.8	271.4
April ...	346.5	343.1	300.2	325.0	377.8	307.2	342.5	293.3	272.5



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, MAY, 1947

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in May, 1947 was 8 per cent higher than in May, 1946 and 4 per cent above April, 1947 according to statements received from 379 wholesalers in nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) reached an all-time high in May at 280.8. This index compares with 259.8 for May, 1946 and 268.8 for April, 1947. Sales for the year 1947 to date were 10 per cent above those for the corresponding period of 1946.

According to region, the greatest increase in sales over last year was recorded in Quebec where sales were 19 per cent higher in May this year than in May, 1946. Wholesalers in British Columbia reported an increase of 9 per cent over the already high level of last year and in Ontario, sales were up 8 per cent. A gain of 3 per cent in sales in the Maritime Provinces brought the index for that region to a new high for any month in recent years. Sales in the Prairie Provinces showed the smallest increase, being only 2 per cent above last year.

Wholesalers in the dry goods, clothing and hardware trades continued to record the largest increases in sales over 1946. The dollar volume of sales in the dry goods trade was 36 per cent above that in May, 1946. Clothing sales registered a gain of 21 per cent in dollar volume over last year, while hardware sales were up 17 per cent. An increase of 5 per cent over May a year ago was reported by wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, drugs, and groceries. Sales of automotive equipment wholesalers remained practically unchanged from last year, but the experience in the different parts of the country diverged widely from the average. Automotive equipment wholesalers in the Maritimes and Quebec recorded an increase of 5 per cent and in Ontario, of 15 per cent. In the Western provinces, however, a 10 per cent drop in sales was reported by this trade. Sales of fruits and vegetables were still running below the 1946 level in May, when the dollar volume was 3 per cent less than in the same month last year. The Maritimes and Quebec, however, had sales 6 per cent higher than last year, with sales in Ontario and the west offsetting this gain by decreases of 4 and 6 per cent respectively.

Stocks on hand at the end of May, 1947 were valued 38 per cent higher than at the same date a year ago. The dry goods, clothing and footwear trades still show the largest increases over last year in value of stocks on hand. Stocks held by dry goods wholesalers were 62 per cent higher than at the end of May last year. Clothing wholesalers reported a gain of 60 per cent in value of stocks on hand, while stocks held by footwear wholesalers were 55 per cent higher than a year ago. Substantial increases, ranging from 38 to 33 per cent, were also reported by wholesalers of hardware, fruits and vegetables, automotive equipment and groceries.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1947 Compared With 1946			
	Sales		Year-to-date, 1947 Year-to-date, 1946	INVENTORY May, 1947 May, 1946
	(1) April 1947	(2) May, 1947		
	April 1946	May, 1946		
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 4.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+36.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+22.0	+ 5.4		
Ontario .....	+ 5.5	+15.0		
Western Provinces .....	- 2.3	-10.2		
Drugs .....	+ 5.5	+ 5.2	+ 1.8	+12.2
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 6.0	+ 5.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.2	+ 3.8		
Clothing .....	+16.7	+21.8	+14.3	+59.8
Quebec .....	+33.0	+27.6		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+ 7.5	+16.6		
Footwear .....	- 8.5	- 4.3	+ 5.8	+54.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 7.1	- 3.6		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	- 9.5	- 5.2		
Dry Goods .....	+45.8	+35.8	+29.8	+62.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+46.5	+39.6		
Ontario .....	+49.4	+33.1		
Western Provinces .....	+38.8	+33.3		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-10.8	- 2.9	- 7.9	+37.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-12.4	+ 5.5		
Ontario .....	- 9.4	- 4.0		
Western Provinces .....	-11.3	- 5.9		
Groceries .....	+17.2	+ 5.1	+13.3	+32.6
Maritimes .....	+26.5	+ 3.2		
Quebec .....	+10.6	+12.4		
Ontario .....	+20.9	+ 7.3		
Prairies .....	+ 9.4	- 0.2		
British Columbia .....	+22.0	+ 4.3		
Hardware .....	+24.9	+17.4	+18.3	+38.5
Maritimes .....	+25.8	+13.8		
Quebec .....	+19.2	+22.2		
Ontario .....	+18.2	+16.3		
Western Provinces .....	+30.7	+16.0		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 4.9	+ 5.4	+ 5.9	+22.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.9	+14.2		
Ontario .....	+ 4.7	+ 4.5		
Western Provinces .....	- 0.7	+ 2.9		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes .....	+19.3	+ 3.2		
Quebec .....	+15.4	+18.5		
Ontario .....	+11.5	+ 7.7		
Prairies .....	+ 7.8	+ 2.3		
British Columbia .....	+18.1	+ 8.9		
CANADA .....	+12.7	+ 8.1	+ 9.9	+37.6

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1944 .....	195.2	237.9	183.1	198.2	186.5	213.2	195.2	262.7	158.7	215.9
May, 1945 .....	205.9	253.6	187.1	215.4	193.6	224.9	213.5	296.9	168.5	237.9
May, 1946 .....	259.8	287.6	225.5	272.3	260.2	286.7	350.1	433.8	265.1	413.9
May, 1947 .....	280.8	296.8	267.2	293.3	266.2	312.2	351.2	457.2	304.9	371.7
1946 - June .....	241.5	258.9	206.4	243.3	243.8	279.5	341.7	380.2	292.0	383.9
July .....	249.3	281.5	212.1	249.3	263.8	279.9	322.4	408.3	302.5	307.4
August ..	260.2	265.0	218.3	257.6	285.7	283.8	334.2	368.9	288.8	353.7
September	259.5	270.7	251.9	253.5	268.3	266.8	387.6	371.8	358.4	404.5
October .	276.8	296.4	272.7	267.3	276.9	298.1	360.8	415.8	332.3	340.7
November .	257.2	280.4	246.9	251.0	257.9	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
December .	222.2	237.4	214.8	229.8	191.9	275.1	231.9	347.2	243.5	203.7
1947 - January .	237.7	235.5	206.4	252.6	231.7	271.0	345.4	342.3	354.1	349.5
February .	231.4	219.0	218.9	239.2	220.2	260.4	337.3	428.7	321.2	318.5
March ...	256.7	257.8	251.0	250.2	252.1	293.6	314.7	373.0	297.3	372.6
April ...	268.8	293.2	257.6	273.7	251.5	305.9	360.2	411.5	307.0	396.8
May .....	280.8	296.8	267.2	293.3	266.2	312.2	351.2	457.2	304.9	371.7

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
May, 1944 .....	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.8	195.2	165.1	161.4	170.6	162.2	
May, 1945 .....	222.0	225.0	212.9	148.7	202.6	147.4	150.3	150.3	136.4	
May, 1946 .....	253.5	252.0	256.1	199.6	282.8	199.4	189.7	216.0	192.9	
May, 1947 .....	266.7	266.6	265.8	243.1	270.6	270.8	264.8	287.5	257.1	
1946 - June .....	213.9	200.3	251.4	182.3	239.6	173.3	175.1	175.1	161.5	
July .....	234.4	227.6	253.2	172.4	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7	
August ..	250.9	243.9	268.6	266.2	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2	
September	258.4	267.8	235.6	243.4	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3	
October .	292.1	285.0	309.9	282.3	350.5	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2	
November .	284.3	277.3	305.2	273.7	292.3	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1	
December .	215.8	215.1	218.2	167.3	251.0	162.5	150.5	186.8	142.8	
1947 - January .	255.2	246.6	278.8	294.7	278.7	220.8	190.9	256.9	232.1	
February .	220.6	216.3	236.7	277.2	297.8	229.3	224.0	272.0	177.3	
March ...	223.4	218.9	236.3	266.0	300.2	266.0	260.1	294.1	261.6	
April ...	248.8	240.5	266.4	249.4	294.2	282.0	291.8	294.0	239.2	
May .....	266.7	266.6	265.8	243.1	270.6	270.8	264.8	287.5	257.1	

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Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1944 .....	172.9	217.2	157.5	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.4	278.0	256.0	242.2
May, 1945 .....	187.4	236.5	169.3	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.1	274.9	272.5	252.4
May, 1946 .....	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	337.0	306.0	342.7	332.9
May, 1947 .....	229.2	264.1	223.5	244.1	201.8	246.9	327.2	322.8	329.0	313.3
1946 - June .....	203.1	244.8	165.6	207.8	190.5	235.5	329.0	338.2	304.2	347.5
July .....	220.6	275.9	198.7	220.8	208.3	225.7	329.2	253.9	330.0	382.0
August ..	224.9	255.9	202.8	234.1	210.7	232.2	311.3	190.4	278.8	433.9
September	223.4	247.5	212.7	226.1	205.9	257.4	301.1	286.4	237.9	372.4
October ..	248.2	284.1	256.8	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.1	226.1	254.4	356.4
November ..	231.2	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	263.7	233.7	249.4	309.9
December ..	200.8	240.2	191.1	212.2	162.3	248.1	276.4	240.3	268.4	301.5
1947 - January ..	213.4	250.5	163.7	232.5	190.8	246.1	217.8	169.1	238.5	218.2
February ..	200.3	222.0	159.8	211.6	189.2	228.6	219.3	207.5	220.8	220.6
March ....	215.9	254.8	185.6	212.9	202.7	260.7	262.1	247.9	259.8	263.2
April ....	222.8	279.4	188.5	233.8	190.1	259.4	257.3	272.1	294.2	269.2
May .....	229.2	264.1	223.5	244.1	201.8	246.9	327.2	322.8	329.0	313.3

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1944 .....	196.2	213.9	181.2	185.4	212.6	258.0	254.7	267.0	227.8
May, 1945 .....	205.4	200.0	187.9	192.4	227.5	286.4	275.6	308.9	244.7
May, 1946 .....	300.1	297.6	243.5	309.2	337.2	339.1	297.9	361.4	306.4
May, 1947 .....	352.3	338.7	297.6	359.6	391.2	357.4	340.2	377.7	315.3
1946 - June .....	286.8	292.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.2	292.0	296.3	288.3
July .....	281.8	257.2	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.6	300.0	305.4	313.9
August ..	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	307.8	277.5	322.7	297.5
September	280.9	294.8	279.8	277.9	291.9	292.8	288.7	294.5	278.5
October ..	297.2	311.8	270.0	272.1	320.7	336.8	344.6	314.6	320.2
November ..	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	311.0	274.3	300.2	333.9
December ..	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	305.0	323.9	296.0	292.0
1947 - January ..	268.3	209.9	276.8	249.6	293.7	280.8	259.8	285.2	269.6
February ..	293.6	227.8	256.7	280.3	315.8	246.0	229.4	259.2	232.5
March ....	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4
April ....	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	309.0	347.0	293.3	273.1
May .....	352.3	338.7	297.6	359.6	391.2	357.4	340.2	377.7	315.3



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JUNE, 1947

Wholesale sales in June, 1947 increased 11 per cent in dollar volume over June, 1946 but were 5 per cent below the dollar volume in May, 1947. These figures are based on statements received from 385 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 267.6 for June, 1947, 241.5 for June, 1946 and 280.6 for May, 1947. Dollar volume of wholesale sales for the first six months of 1947 was 10 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1946.

All regions of the country recorded increases in wholesale sales over June, 1946, with British Columbia and Quebec recording the largest gains of 18 per cent. Sales in Ontario were 12 per cent higher than last year while the Maritime Provinces showed an increase of 6 per cent and the Prairies, 3 per cent.

The dry goods trade again reported the greatest increase with sales 23 per cent higher than in June last year. This increase, however, was less than those recorded for this trade in the past three months. Sales in the grocery trade were 18 per cent above June, 1946, while the clothing and hardware trades followed with increases of 17 and 12 per cent respectively. Sales in the automotive equipment and drugs trades were 8 per cent in excess of those for the same month last year. A lesser gain of 3 per cent was recorded by footwear wholesalers, while fruit and vegetable dealers' sales continued below last year's level with a drop of 5 per cent below June, 1946.

Stocks on hand at the end of June, 1947 were valued 37 per cent higher than those held at the same date a year ago. Wholesalers of clothing and footwear, with increases of 67 and 54 per cent respectively, continued to show the greatest increases in value of stock on hand compared with last year. The automotive equipment trade and dry goods trade followed closely with stocks valued 53 and 49 per cent higher than at the end of June, 1946. Hardware and grocery wholesalers also recorded substantial increases, stocks in these trades being 38 per cent higher in value than at the end of June, a year ago. The tobacco and confectionery and drugs trades reported more moderate gains of 12 and 10 per cent, while stocks held by fruit and vegetable wholesalers were valued 4 per cent lower than at the same date last year.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1947 Compared With 1946			
	Sales		Year-to-date, 1947 Year-to-date, 1946	INVENTORY June, 1947 June, 1946
	(1) May, 1947 May, 1946	(2) June, 1947 June, 1946		
Automotive Equipment.....	+ 0.1	+ 7.7	+ 1.6	+53.0
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+ 5.4	+10.0		
Ontario.....	+14.5	+14.0		
Western Provinces.....	- 9.9	+ 0.2		
Drugs.....	+ 5.2	+ 7.5	+ 2.7	+10.2
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 5.7	+10.1		
Western Provinces.....	+ 3.8	+ 1.2		
Clothing.....	+24.4	+16.8	+15.0	+66.8
Quebec.....	+27.6	+42.4		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+22.3	+ 3.7		
Footwear.....	- 6.3	+ 3.3	+ 5.1	+53.8
Maritimes and Quebec.....	- 3.6	+ 6.6		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	- 8.5	+ 0.5		
Dry Goods.....	+35.8	+22.6	+28.8	+48.5
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+39.3	+30.8		
Ontario.....	+33.1	+20.9		
Western Provinces.....	+33.3	+11.9		
Fruits and Vegetables.....	- 2.8	- 4.6	- 7.3	- 4.0
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+ 5.4	- 3.4		
Ontario.....	- 4.0	- 0.1		
Western Provinces.....	- 6.0	- 9.1		
Groceries.....	+ 4.8	+18.2	+14.1	+38.0
Maritimes.....	+ 3.5	+10.1		
Quebec.....	+ 8.3	+26.5		
Ontario.....	+ 7.3	+19.3		
Prairies.....	+ 0.8	+11.8		
British Columbia.....	+ 4.3	+27.7		
Hardware.....	+17.4	+12.3	+17.3	+38.1
Maritimes.....	+13.8	+ 7.3		
Quebec.....	+21.4	+12.0		
Ontario.....	+16.9	+19.6		
Western Provinces.....	+16.0	+ 9.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery.....	+ 5.7	+ 6.6	+ 6.1	+11.7
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+12.1	+13.7		
Ontario.....	+ 3.5	+ 4.2		
Western Provinces.....	+ 4.9	+ 5.4		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes.....	+ 3.4	+ 5.7		
Quebec.....	+16.4	+17.7		
Ontario.....	+ 7.9	+11.9		
Prairies.....	+ 2.9	+ 2.9		
British Columbia.....	+ 8.8	+18.3		
CANADA.....	+ 8.0	+10.8	+10.1	+36.5

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1944.....	190.0	226.0	180.0	190.5	183.1	209.8	202.3	235.0	167.9	228.1	
June, 1945.....	206.9	250.6	184.0	210.5	194.1	236.7	235.3	280.4	192.6	265.1	
June, 1946.....	241.5	258.9	206.4	243.3	243.8	279.5	341.7	380.2	292.0	383.9	
June, 1947.....	267.6	273.7	242.9	272.3	250.9	330.6	368.0	418.2	332.9	384.7	
1946 - July.....	249.3	281.5	212.1	249.3	263.8	279.9	322.4	408.3	302.5	307.4	
August.....	260.2	265.0	218.3	257.6	285.7	283.8	334.2	368.9	288.8	353.7	
September	259.5	270.7	251.9	253.5	268.3	266.8	387.6	371.8	358.4	404.5	
October..	276.8	296.4	272.7	267.3	276.9	298.1	360.8	415.8	332.3	340.7	
November.	257.2	280.4	246.9	251.0	257.9	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8	
December.	222.2	237.4	214.8	229.8	191.9	275.1	231.9	347.2	243.5	203.7	
1947 - January..	237.7	235.5	206.4	252.6	231.7	271.0	345.4	342.3	354.1	349.5	
February.	231.4	219.0	218.9	239.2	220.2	260.4	337.3	428.7	321.2	318.5	
March.....	256.7	257.8	251.0	250.2	252.1	293.6	314.7	373.0	297.3	372.6	
April.....	262.8	293.2	257.6	273.7	251.5	305.9	360.2	411.5	307.0	396.8	
May.....	280.6	297.4	262.5	293.8	267.7	311.9	350.5	457.2	303.6	372.9	
June.....	267.6	273.7	242.9	272.3	250.9	330.6	368.0	418.2	332.9	384.7	

Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR							DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1944.....	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	191.0	156.0	170.2	137.1	154.5		
June, 1945.....	210.5	205.4	223.3	144.7	210.7	143.5	153.2	148.9	116.8		
June, 1946.....	213.9	200.3	251.4	182.3	239.6	173.3	175.1	175.1	161.5		
June, 1947.....	229.9	220.5	254.4	212.9	247.5	212.5	229.0	211.7	180.7		
1946 - July.....	234.4	227.6	253.2	172.4	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7		
August....	250.9	243.9	268.6	266.2	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2		
September	258.4	267.8	235.6	243.4	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3		
October..	292.1	285.0	309.9	282.3	350.5	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2		
November.	284.3	277.3	305.2	273.7	292.3	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1		
December.	215.8	215.1	218.2	167.3	251.0	162.5	150.5	186.8	142.8		
1947 - January..	255.2	246.6	278.8	294.7	278.7	220.8	190.9	256.9	232.1		
February.	220.6	216.3	236.7	277.2	297.8	229.3	224.0	272.0	177.3		
March....	223.4	218.9	236.3	266.0	300.2	266.0	260.1	294.1	261.6		
April.....	248.8	240.5	266.4	249.4	294.2	282.0	291.8	294.0	239.2		
May.....	266.7	266.4	265.8	248.3	265.0	270.8	264.3	287.5	257.1		
June.....	229.9	220.5	254.4	212.9	247.5	212.5	229.0	211.7	180.7		

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**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

**GROCERIES**

Year and Month	GROCERIES							FRUITS AND VEGETABLES		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1944.....	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	244.0	223.8	232.7
June, 1945.....	188.8	246.8	169.8	190.6	166.2	209.5	281.2	300.9	273.3	275.1
June, 1946.....	203.1	244.8	165.6	207.8	190.5	235.5	329.0	338.2	304.2	347.5
June, 1947.....	240.1	269.5	209.5	247.9	213.0	300.7	313.9	326.7	303.9	315.9
1946 - July.....	220.6	275.9	198.7	220.8	208.3	225.7	329.2	253.9	330.0	382.0
August....	224.9	255.9	202.8	234.1	210.7	232.2	311.3	190.4	278.8	433.9
September	223.4	247.5	212.7	226.1	205.9	257.4	301.1	286.4	237.9	372.4
October..	248.2	284.1	256.8	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.1	226.1	254.4	356.4
November.	231.2	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	263.7	233.7	249.4	309.9
December.	200.8	240.2	191.1	212.2	162.3	248.1	276.4	240.3	268.4	301.5
1947 - January..	213.4	250.5	163.7	232.5	130.8	246.1	217.8	169.1	238.5	218.2
February..	200.3	222.0	159.8	211.6	189.2	228.6	219.3	207.5	220.8	220.6
March.....	215.9	254.8	185.6	212.9	202.7	260.7	262.1	247.9	259.8	263.2
April.....	222.8	279.4	188.5	233.8	190.1	259.4	257.3	272.1	294.2	269.2
May.....	228.6	264.9	215.3	244.1	203.8	246.9	327.6	322.5	329.0	312.9
June.....	240.1	269.5	209.5	247.9	213.0	300.7	313.9	326.7	303.9	315.9

**HARDWARE**

**TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY**

Year and Month	Western Provinces					Maritimes & Quebec		Western Provinces	
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Provinces
June, 1944.....	192.5	204.5	193.1	186.0	200.1	249.7	273.3	239.4	230.6
June, 1945.....	211.2	208.0	201.8	209.4	224.7	267.4	260.5	266.7	250.0
June, 1946.....	286.8	292.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.2	292.0	296.3	288.3
June, 1947.....	322.1	313.7	294.4	346.8	336.9	322.1	332.0	308.7	303.9
1946 - July.....	281.8	257.2	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.6	300.0	305.4	313.9
August....	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	307.8	277.5	322.7	297.5
September	280.9	294.8	279.8	277.9	291.9	292.8	288.7	294.5	278.5
October..	297.2	311.8	270.0	272.1	320.7	336.8	344.6	314.6	320.2
November.	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	311.0	274.3	300.2	333.9
December.	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	305.0	323.9	296.0	292.0
1947 - January..	268.3	209.9	276.8	249.6	293.7	280.8	259.8	285.2	269.6
February.	293.6	227.8	256.7	280.3	313.8	246.0	229.4	259.2	232.5
March....	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4
April.....	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	309.0	347.0	293.3	273.1
May.....	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	358.4	333.9	374.0	321.4
June.....	322.1	313.7	294.4	346.8	336.9	322.1	332.0	308.7	303.9



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### MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JULY, 1947

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in July, 1947, was 10 per cent higher than in July, 1946 and 2 per cent above the June, 1947 volume according to statements received from 372 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index (on the base, 1935 - 1939 = 100) stood at 274.5 for July 1947, 249.3 for July 1946 and 268.3 for June 1947. Sales in the first seven months of 1947 exceeded those in the corresponding period of 1946 by 10 per cent.

According to regions, British Columbia registered the largest increase in wholesale sales volume over last year with a gain of 16 per cent. Ontario and Quebec followed with increases of 11 per cent. Sales in the Maritime Provinces were 8 per cent above July 1946, while in the Prairie Provinces, there was an increase in dollar volume of 7 per cent.

Increase in sales in the wholesale footwear trade led other trades with a gain of 22 per cent, the largest increase over last year that has been shown by this trade for several months. Sales of wholesale grocers recorded the next largest increase over last year, being up 18 per cent. Clothing and dry goods wholesalers reported increases of 13 and 11 per cent respectively, while hardware and automotive wholesalers both registered gains in dollar volume of sales of 10 per cent over July 1946. Sales of wholesale druggists were up 9 per cent and of dealers in tobacco and confectionery, 8 per cent. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers' sales continued below the 1946 level by 3 per cent.

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers at the end of July 1947 were valued 34 per cent higher than at the same date in 1946. The automotive equipment, dry goods, clothing and footwear trades continued to show the greatest increase in value of stocks on hand compared with last year. Increases were reported as follows: automotive equipment, 56 per cent; dry goods, 53 per cent; footwear, 46 per cent; and clothing, 43 per cent. Hardware and grocery wholesalers' stocks also showed substantial increases in value of stocks over last year with gains of 34 and 31 per cent respectively. Stocks held by wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery were up 25 per cent, by drug wholesalers, 10 per cent, while a gain of 3 per cent was recorded by fruit and vegetable dealers.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1947 Compared With 1946			
	Sales			INVENTORY July, 1947 July, 1946
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-	
	June, 1947 June, 1946	July, 1947 July, 1946	date, 1947 Year-to- date, 1946	
Automotive Equipment.....	+ 8.1	+10.2	+ 2.9	+55.7
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+ 8.9	+ 4.5		
Ontario.....	+15.7	+22.4		
Western Provinces.....	+ 1.8	+ 2.9		
Drugs.....	+ 7.9	+ 9.3	+ 3.7	+ 9.8
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+10.5	+ 9.1		
Western Provinces.....	+ 1.2	+10.0		
Clothing.....	+15.7	+13.3	+14.7	+42.7
Quebec.....	+42.4	+31.6		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+ 2.9	+ 3.0		
Footwear.....	+ 3.3	+21.6	+ 6.8	+46.4
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+ 6.6	+24.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+ 0.5	+18.0		
Dry Goods.....	+22.6	+10.6	+26.5	+53.3
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+30.8	+ 8.2		
Ontario.....	+20.8	+ 9.3		
Western Provinces.....	+11.9	+16.0		
Fruits and Vegetables.....	- 4.0	- 3.3	- 6.5	+ 3.3
Maritimes and Quebec.....	- 1.0	- 7.9		
Ontario.....	- 0.1	- 0.4		
Western Provinces.....	- 9.1	- 2.8		
Groceries.....	+18.3	+17.5	+14.6	+31.3
Maritimes.....	+ 8.8	+10.8		
Quebec.....	+29.6	+21.8		
Ontario.....	+19.4	(x)		
Prairies.....	+11.5	+16.7		
British Columbia.....	+27.7	+26.6		
Hardware.....	+12.3	+10.4	+16.3	+33.7
Maritimes.....	+ 7.3	+16.6		
Quebec.....	+12.0	+ 8.9		
Ontario.....	+19.0	+17.7		
Western Provinces.....	+ 9.8	+ 7.2		
Tobacco and Confectionery.....	+ 6.8	+ 7.9	+ 6.4	+24.8
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+13.7	+18.9		
Ontario.....	+ 4.5	+ 5.6		
Western Provinces.....	+ 5.7	+ 5.4		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes.....	+ 5.1	+ 8.1		
Quebec.....	+18.7	+10.8		
Ontario.....	+12.2	+11.0		
Prairies.....	+ 2.8	+ 7.0		
British Columbia.....	+18.1	+15.8		
CANADA.....	+11.1	+10.1	+10.1	+34.0

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(2) Preliminary

(x) Not yet available.



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**WHOLESALE TRADE**

**AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Year and Month	Maritimes					British Columbia		CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec		Western Provinces	
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Columbia		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA	
July, 1944.....	179.3	212.7	153.6	176.3	190.7	199.0		194.5		210.0		221.6	
July, 1945.....	203.7	240.6	179.4	201.2	208.2	233.6		228.3		281.8		241.3	
July, 1946.....	249.3	281.5	212.1	249.3	263.8	279.9		322.4		408.3		307.4	
July, 1947.....	274.5	304.3	235.0	276.7	282.3	324.1		355.3		426.7		316.3	
1946 - August...	260.2	265.0	218.3	257.6	285.7	283.8		334.2		368.9		353.7	
September	259.5	270.7	251.9	253.5	268.3	266.8		387.6		371.8		404.5	
October..	276.8	296.4	272.7	267.3	276.9	298.1		360.8		415.8		340.7	
November.	257.2	280.4	246.9	251.0	257.9	288.7		327.4		362.0		342.8	
December.	222.2	237.4	214.8	229.8	191.9	275.1		231.9		347.2		203.7	
1947 - January..	237.7	235.5	206.4	252.6	231.7	271.0		345.4		342.3		349.5	
February.	231.4	219.0	218.9	239.2	220.2	260.4		337.3		428.7		318.5	
March.....	256.7	257.8	251.0	250.2	252.1	293.6		314.7		373.0		372.6	
April.....	268.8	293.2	257.6	273.7	251.5	305.9		360.2		411.5		396.8	
May.....	280.6	297.4	262.5	293.8	267.7	311.9		350.5		457.2		372.9	
June.....	268.3	272.1	245.0	273.0	250.6	330.1		369.4		414.0		390.8	
July.....	274.5	304.3	255.0	276.7	282.3	324.1		355.3		426.7		316.3	

**DRUGS**

**CLOTHING FOOTWEAR**

**DRY GOODS**

Year and Month	Maritimes					Western Provinces		CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec		Western Provinces	
	CANADA	Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA	
July, 1944.....	181.7	174.7	201.2	140.1	126.4	133.8		133.8		103.8		185.1	
July, 1945.....	208.0	203.0	221.3	146.7	155.9	121.8		121.8		103.2		149.2	
July, 1946.....	234.4	227.6	253.2	172.4	190.7	161.6		161.6		132.1		200.7	
July, 1947.....	256.2	248.3	278.5	195.3	231.9	178.7		178.7		142.9		232.8	
1946 - August...	250.9	243.9	268.6	266.2	328.6	215.7		215.7		186.1		242.2	
September	258.4	267.8	235.6	243.4	337.6	232.2		232.2		223.1		231.3	
October..	292.1	285.0	309.9	282.3	350.5	228.7		228.7		210.0		247.2	
November.	284.3	277.3	305.2	273.7	292.3	218.9		218.9		201.4		239.1	
December.	215.8	215.1	218.2	167.3	251.0	162.5		162.5		150.5		142.8	
1947 - January..	255.2	246.6	278.8	294.7	278.7	220.8		220.8		190.9		232.1	
February.	220.6	216.3	236.7	277.2	297.8	229.3		229.3		224.0		177.3	
March.....	223.4	218.9	236.3	266.0	300.2	266.0		266.0		260.1		261.6	
April.....	248.8	240.5	266.4	249.4	294.2	282.0		282.0		291.8		239.2	
May.....	266.7	266.4	265.8	248.3	265.0	270.8		270.8		264.3		257.1	
June.....	230.8	221.5	254.4	210.9	247.5	212.5		212.5		229.0		180.7	
July.....	256.2	248.3	278.5	195.3	231.9	178.7		178.7		142.9		232.8	

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**GROCERIES**

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Year and Month	CANADA					Maritimes		Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1944.....	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.5	161.0	230.2	197.7	219.0			230.2	197.7	219.0	261.3
July, 1945.....	186.6	231.1	167.1	187.0	177.1	192.1	288.0	262.0	279.2			288.0	262.0	279.2	308.3
July, 1946.....	220.6	275.9	198.7	220.8	208.3	225.7	329.2	253.9	330.0			329.2	253.9	330.0	382.0
July, 1947.....	253.2	305.7	242.0	(x)	243.1	285.7	318.3	233.8	328.7			318.3	233.8	328.7	371.3
1946 - August....	224.9	255.9	202.8	234.1	210.7	232.2	311.3	190.4	278.8			311.3	190.4	278.8	433.9
September.....	223.4	247.5	212.7	226.1	205.9	257.4	301.1	286.4	237.9			301.1	286.4	237.9	372.4
October.....	248.2	284.1	256.8	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.1	226.1	254.4			287.1	226.1	254.4	356.4
November.....	231.2	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	263.7	233.7	249.4			263.7	233.7	249.4	309.9
December.....	200.8	240.2	191.1	212.2	162.3	248.1	276.4	240.3	268.4			276.4	240.3	268.4	301.5
1947 - January..	213.4	250.5	163.7	232.5	190.8	246.1	217.8	169.1	238.5			217.8	169.1	238.5	218.2
February.....	200.3	222.0	159.8	211.6	189.2	228.6	219.3	207.5	220.8			219.3	207.5	220.8	220.6
March.....	215.9	254.8	185.6	212.9	202.7	260.7	262.1	247.9	259.8			262.1	247.9	259.8	263.2
April.....	222.8	279.4	188.5	235.8	190.1	259.4	257.3	272.1	294.2			257.3	272.1	294.2	269.2
May.....	222.6	264.9	215.3	244.1	203.8	246.9	327.6	322.5	329.0			327.6	322.5	329.0	312.9
June.....	240.3	266.3	214.6	248.1	212.4	300.7	315.8	334.8	303.9			315.8	334.8	303.9	315.9
July.....	259.2	305.7	242.0	(x)	243.1	285.7	318.3	235.8	328.7			318.3	235.8	328.7	371.3

**HARDWARE**

**TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY**

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1944.....	175.6	167.8	156.4	147.1	202.0	225.9	230.6	221.4	212.2
July, 1945.....	203.5	192.8	190.0	166.2	231.5	258.4	236.8	260.6	246.6
July, 1946.....	281.8	257.2	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.6	300.0	305.4	313.9
July, 1947.....	311.1	299.9	269.9	299.9	339.7	342.7	356.7	322.5	330.9
1946 - August....	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	307.8	277.5	322.7	297.5
September.....	280.9	294.8	279.8	277.9	291.9	292.8	288.7	294.5	278.5
October.....	297.2	311.8	270.0	272.1	320.7	336.8	344.6	314.6	320.2
November.....	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	311.0	274.3	300.2	333.9
December.....	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	305.0	323.9	296.0	292.0
1947 - January...	268.3	209.9	276.8	249.6	293.7	280.8	259.8	285.2	269.6
February.....	293.6	227.8	256.7	280.3	315.8	246.0	229.4	259.2	232.5
March.....	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4
April.....	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	309.0	347.0	293.3	273.1
May.....	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	358.4	333.9	374.0	321.4
June.....	322.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	337.5	322.7	332.0	309.6	304.7
July.....	311.1	299.9	269.9	299.9	339.7	342.7	356.7	322.5	330.9

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WHOLESALE SALES

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August, 1947

Smaller gain--4%--over 1946 wholesale sales than in previous months

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in August, 1947 was 4% higher than in August, 1946, and 2% below July, 1947 according to statements received from 379 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 270.1 for August, 1947, 260.2 for August, 1946, and 276.0 for July, 1947. Sales for the eight months from January to August, 1947 were 9% in excess of those made in the corresponding period of 1946.

Wholesale apparel sales fall below 1946 levels

The most striking movement in wholesale sales volume during August was the recession in clothing and footwear sales which fell off 2% and 1% respectively from August, 1946. Sales in these wholesale trades from January to August stood at 12% and 5% respectively above 1946 figures for the same period.

Wholesale automotive equipment, dry goods, grocery volume firm

Of the 9 trades covered, the 13% rise in automotive equipment sales during August was the only gain which exceeded January-August cumulative gains. Dry goods and grocery wholesalers' volume held firm at 11 and 10% increases respectively.

August sales in other wholesale trades, as compared to August a year ago, were as follows:-

Hardware	+ 2%	Drug	- 4%
Tobacco and confectionery	+ 1%	Fruits and Vegetables	- 7%

Inventory increases similar to preceding months of 1947

At the end of August wholesalers' inventories were valued 37% higher than at the same date of last year. These increases were distributed as follows:-

Automotive equipment	+69%	Footwear	+36%
Dry goods	+65%	Grocery	+30%
Clothing	+55%	Drugs	+ 8%
Hardware	+40%	Tobacco and confectionery	+ 7%
Fruits and vegetables		+ 4%	

These percentage changes apply to the differences in value of wholesalers' inventories at August 31, 1947 as compared to August 31, 1946.

Wholesalers' sales in British Columbia during August showed a larger gain over August, 1946--9%--than those in the other economic areas. From west to east increases were Prairies, 1%; Ontario, 4%; Quebec, 6%; and the Maritimes, 4%.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1947 Compared With 1946			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1) July, 1947 July, 1946	(2) August, 1947 August, 1946	January to August, 1947 January to August, 1946	
Automotive Equipment.....	+ 9.0	+12.6	+ 3.9	+68.7
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+ 0.1	+16.5		
Ontario.....	+21.1	+15.7		
Western Provinces.....	+ 2.9	+ 8.7		
Drugs.....	+ 9.3	- 3.5	+ 2.7	+ 8.2
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.....	+ 9.0	- 6.2		
Western Provinces.....	+10.0	+ 2.5		
Clothing.....	+14.2	- 2.0	+12.3	+55.3
Quebec.....	+31.6	- 1.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces.....	+ 5.7	- 2.5		
Footwear.....	+13.4	- 1.4	+ 4.8	+36.4
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+24.8	+32.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces.....	+ 4.6	-21.2		
Dry Goods.....	+12.6	+10.8	+24.5	+65.2
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+11.5	+ 7.7		
Ontario.....	+12.6	+17.9		
Western Provinces.....	+14.3	+ 5.8		
Fruits and Vegetables.....	- 3.2	- 6.8	- 7.0	+ 4.1
Maritimes and Quebec.....	- 6.9	- 4.1		
Ontario.....	- 1.1	- 0.2		
Western Provinces.....	- 3.1	-12.5		
Groceries.....	+19.0	+ 9.7	+14.2	+29.7
Maritimes.....	+10.8	+ 5.6		
Quebec.....	+21.5	+ 4.0		
Ontario.....	+20.6	+ 5.1		
Prairies.....	+16.7	+15.8		
British Columbia.....	+26.6	+19.6		
Hardware.....	+10.2	+ 1.8	+14.3	+40.3
Maritimes.....	+ 8.5	+ 4.8		
Quebec.....	+ 9.8	+12.4		
Ontario.....	+17.7	+ 4.2		
Western Provinces.....	+ 7.2	+ 4.4		
Tobacco and Confectionery.....	+ 7.8	+ 1.0	+ 5.7	+ 7.2
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+17.8	+11.0		
Ontario.....	+ 5.7	+ 1.2		
Western Provinces.....	+ 5.3	- 3.0		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes.....	+ 7.1	+ 4.2		
Quebec.....	+11.6	+ 6.1		
Ontario.....	+12.4	+ 3.6		
Prairies.....	+ 7.1	+ 0.6		
British Columbia.....	+15.4	+ 8.5		
CANADA.....	+10.7	+ 3.8	+ 9.4	+36.9

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(2) Preliminary



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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
August, 1944	199.2	220.3	169.4	195.1	220.7	202.5	222.3	248.8	166.5	260.7	
August, 1945	216.3	250.0	183.6	212.9	230.6	231.7	254.3	309.0	197.0	280.5	
August, 1946	260.2	265.0	218.3	257.6	285.7	283.8	334.2	368.9	288.8	353.7	
August, 1947	270.1	276.1	231.6	266.9	287.4	307.9	376.3	429.8	334.1	384.5	
1946 - September	259.5	270.7	251.9	253.5	268.3	266.8	387.6	371.8	358.4	404.5	
October	276.8	296.4	272.7	267.3	276.9	298.1	360.8	415.8	332.3	340.7	
November	257.2	280.4	246.9	251.0	257.9	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8	
December	222.2	237.4	214.8	229.8	191.9	275.1	231.9	347.2	243.5	203.7	
1947 - January	237.7	235.5	206.4	252.6	231.7	271.0	345.4	342.3	354.1	349.5	
February	231.4	219.0	218.9	239.2	220.2	260.4	337.3	428.7	321.2	318.5	
March	256.7	257.8	251.0	250.2	252.1	293.6	314.7	373.0	297.3	372.6	
April	268.8	293.2	257.6	273.7	251.5	305.9	360.2	411.5	307.0	396.8	
May	280.6	297.4	262.5	293.8	267.7	311.9	350.5	457.2	303.6	372.9	
June	268.3	272.1	245.0	273.0	250.6	330.1	369.4	414.0	337.8	390.8	
July	276.0	301.5	236.7	280.2	282.5	323.0	351.4	408.7	366.3	316.3	
August	270.1	276.1	231.6	266.9	287.4	307.9	376.3	429.8	334.1	384.5	

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces		
August, 1944	202.4	200.8	205.1		194.4	228.3	174.5	136.1	186.2	229.5		
August, 1945	223.2	222.7	222.7		193.2	263.5	168.9	131.9	192.2	205.6		
August, 1946	250.9	243.9	268.6		266.2	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2		
August, 1947	242.1	228.8	275.3		260.9	324.0	239.0	200.4	276.2	256.2		
1946 - September	258.4	267.8	235.6		243.4	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3		
October	292.1	285.0	309.9		282.3	350.5	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2		
November	284.3	277.3	305.2		273.7	292.3	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1		
December	215.8	215.1	218.2		167.3	251.0	162.5	150.5	186.8	142.8		
1947 - January	255.2	246.6	278.8		294.7	278.7	220.8	190.9	256.9	232.1		
February	220.6	216.3	236.7		277.2	297.8	229.3	224.0	272.0	177.3		
March	223.4	218.9	236.3		266.0	300.2	266.0	260.1	294.1	261.6		
April	248.8	240.5	266.4		249.4	294.2	282.0	291.8	294.0	239.2		
May	266.7	266.4	265.8		248.3	265.0	270.8	264.3	287.5	257.1		
June	230.8	221.5	254.4		210.9	247.5	212.5	229.0	211.5	180.7		
July	256.2	248.1	278.5		196.9	216.3	182.0	147.3	200.2	229.4		
August	242.1	228.8	275.3		260.9	324.0	239.0	200.4	276.2	256.2		

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	Maritimes			British Columbia			Maritimes		Western Provinces	
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	Canada	& Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	Western
August, 1944	194.5	211.5	156.7	191.7	180.2	238.9	158.0	218.2	316.2	
August, 1945	191.1	236.9	171.4	191.7	180.2	278.7	184.1	264.0	358.9	
August, 1946	224.9	255.9	202.8	234.1	210.7	311.3	199.4	278.8	433.9	
August, 1947	246.7	270.2	210.9	246.0	244.0	290.1	182.6	278.2	379.7	
1946 - September	223.4	247.5	212.7	226.1	205.9	301.1	286.4	237.9	372.4	
October	248.2	284.1	256.8	249.2	227.1	287.1	226.1	254.4	356.4	
November	231.2	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	263.7	233.7	249.4	309.9	
December	200.8	240.2	191.1	212.2	162.3	276.4	240.3	268.4	301.5	
1947 - January	213.4	250.5	163.7	232.5	190.8	217.8	169.1	238.5	218.2	
February	200.3	222.0	159.8	211.6	189.2	219.3	207.5	220.8	220.6	
March	215.9	254.8	185.6	212.9	202.7	262.1	247.9	259.8	263.2	
April	222.8	279.4	188.5	233.8	190.1	257.3	272.1	294.2	269.2	
May	228.6	264.9	215.3	244.1	200.3	327.6	322.5	329.0	312.9	
June	240.3	266.3	214.6	248.1	212.4	315.8	334.8	303.9	315.9	
July	262.5	305.7	241.4	266.3	243.1	318.7	236.4	326.4	370.2	
August	246.7	270.2	210.9	246.0	244.0	290.1	182.6	278.2	379.7	

Year and Month	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	Maritimes			Western Provinces			Maritimes		Western Provinces	
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	Canada	& Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	Western
August, 1944	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.7	233.4	242.0	226.1	
August, 1945	218.9	208.8	218.5	172.6	235.0	265.1	264.0	276.8	246.7	
August, 1946	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	307.8	277.5	322.7	297.5	
August, 1947	297.8	281.4	297.9	244.8	313.4	310.9	308.0	326.6	288.6	
1946 - September	280.9	294.8	279.8	277.9	291.9	292.8	288.7	294.5	278.5	
October	297.2	311.8	270.0	272.1	320.7	336.8	344.6	314.6	320.2	
November	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	311.0	274.3	300.2	333.9	
December	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	305.0	323.9	296.0	292.0	
1947 - January	268.3	209.9	276.8	249.6	293.7	280.8	259.8	285.2	269.6	
February	293.6	227.8	256.7	280.3	315.8	246.0	229.4	259.2	232.5	
March	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4	
April	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	309.0	347.0	293.3	273.1	
May	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	358.4	333.9	374.0	321.4	
June	322.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	337.5	322.7	332.0	309.6	304.7	
July	310.5	279.1	272.1	299.9	339.7	342.4	353.4	322.8	330.5	
August	297.8	281.4	297.9	244.8	313.4	310.9	308.0	326.6	288.6	



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17% September Increase Offsets Smaller August Gain

Following the relatively small increase of 4% in August dollar volume of wholesale sales, the September index climbed 17% above that for September 1946. The general index of wholesale sales, based on returns from 388 wholesalers in 9 lines of trade and unadjusted for seasonal factors, stood at 304.4 in September 1947 and at 259.5 in the same month of 1946. (On the basis, average for 1935-1939=100).

Cumulative sales for the first nine months were lifted to 10% above the same months of 1946 by the large September gain from the January-August figure of 9%.

As in the preceding months of 1947, the wholesale sales index for British Columbia gained more than those in the other provinces--24%. Other regions showed increases as follows:- Maritimes, 18%; Quebec, 21%; Ontario, 17% and the Prairies, 12%.

Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Sales Up for First Time This Year

Dealers in fruits and vegetables reported an increase over the high volume in 1946 for the first time this year in September when sales rose 1.4%. The sales index for this trade now stands at 305.3 (compare the general wholesale index - 304.4 and the wholesale grocery index - 274.8).

Largest Gains in Dry Goods, Automotive Equipment and Groceries Trades

As compared with a year ago, September sales of wholesale dry goods rose 31%; automotive equipment 25% and groceries 23%. Indexes for these trades were at an all time high in September having reached 303.0, 485.3 and 274.8 respectively. These indexes bring out the relative expansion of the trades since the base period.

Wholesale Clothing Sales Lag

While September figures in the above trade were only 3% above 1946 as compared to the January-September increase of 11%, footwear sales showed greater activity and in September rose 12% as compared to the cumulative 9-month gain of 6%.

Maintaining the cumulative gain in earlier months, sales volume of wholesale hardware rose 21% above September 1946. Smaller gains of 6% and 11% were recorded for drugs and the tobacco and confectionery trade.

Little Change in Stock Trends - Increases Maintained

By September 30th, 1947, wholesale stocks in the 9 trades covered were valued 33% above the same date of 1946. In detail, the increases were:-

Automotive equipment	+70%	Footwear	+35%	Fruits & Vegetables	+12%
Dry goods	+65%	Groceries	+22%	Drugs	+10%
Hardware	+38%	Clothing	+18%	Tobacco & Confectionery	+ 8%

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1947 Compared with 1946			
	Sales			INVENTORY September, 1947 September, 1946
	(1)	(2)	January to	
	August 1947 August 1946	September 1947 September 1946	Sept. 1947 January to Sept. 1946	
Automotive Equipment.....	+13.6	+25.2	+ 6.7	+70.1
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+23.4	+32.6		
Ontario.....	+15.0	+33.1		
Western Provinces.....	+ 8.2	+17.2		
Drugs.....	- 3.7	+ 6.0	+ 3.1	+10.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	- 6.1	+ 6.6		
Western Provinces.....	+ 2.5	+ 4.3		
Clothing.....	- 0.9	+ 3.2	+11.3	+18.1
Quebec.....	- 1.1	+ 0.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	- 0.9	+ 4.9		
Footwear.....	+ 1.9	+12.2	+ 6.3	+34.5
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+32.2	+17.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	-13.3	+ 8.2		
Dry Goods.....	+10.1	+30.5	+25.2	+65.3
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+ 6.1	+33.2		
Ontario.....	+17.9	+31.9		
Western Provinces.....	+ 5.8	+24.8		
Fruits and Vegetables.....	- 6.8	+ 1.4	- 5.7	+11.7
Maritimes and Quebec.....	- 4.1	+ 3.7		
Ontario.....	- 0.2	+ 9.2		
Western Provinces.....	-12.6	- 4.3		
Groceries.....	+ 9.7	+23.0	+15.2	+21.6
Maritimes.....	+ 6.1	+21.6		
Quebec.....	+ 4.0	+26.0		
Ontario.....	+ 5.1	+17.3		
Prairies.....	+15.4	+25.4		
British Columbia.....	+19.6	+29.7		
Hardware.....	+ 1.8	+21.2	+15.1	+38.0
Maritimes.....	+ 4.8	+25.9		
Quebec.....	+12.0	+23.8		
Ontario.....	+ 4.7	+27.0		
Western Provinces.....	- 4.4	+17.2		
Tobacco and Confectionery.....	+ 0.3	+10.6	+ 6.1	+ 7.8
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+11.5	+18.7		
Ontario.....	- 0.8	+ 8.2		
Western Provinces.....	- 3.3	+ 9.5		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes.....	+ 4.8	+18.2		
Quebec.....	+ 5.9	+20.8		
Ontario.....	+ 3.4	+17.3		
Prairies.....	+ 0.7	+11.9		
British Columbia.....	+ 8.1	+23.9		
CANADA.....	+ 3.8	+17.3	+10.3	+32.6

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	CANADA			British Columbia			Maritimes			Western Provinces		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Columbia	CANADA	& Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	Western	
September, 1944.....	205.4	245.3	203.5	193.8	213.7	200.9	237.0	264.8	207.1	242.5		
September, 1945.....	217.7	237.9	210.8	208.1	228.9	221.6	293.6	300.3	279.4	329.1		
September, 1946.....	259.5	270.7	251.9	253.5	268.3	266.8	387.6	371.8	358.4	404.5		
September, 1947.....	304.4	320.0	304.3	297.4	300.2	330.6	485.3	493.0	477.0	474.1		
1946 - October.....	276.8	296.4	272.7	267.3	276.9	298.1	360.8	415.8	332.3	340.7		
November.....	257.2	280.4	246.9	251.0	257.9	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8		
December.....	222.2	237.4	214.8	229.8	191.9	275.1	231.9	347.2	243.5	203.7		
1947 - January.....	237.7	235.5	206.4	252.6	231.7	271.0	345.4	342.3	354.1	349.5		
February.....	231.4	219.0	218.9	239.2	220.2	260.4	337.3	428.7	321.2	318.5		
March.....	256.7	257.8	251.0	250.2	252.1	293.6	314.7	373.0	297.3	372.6		
April.....	268.8	293.2	257.6	273.7	251.5	305.9	360.2	411.5	307.0	396.8		
May.....	280.6	297.4	262.5	293.8	267.7	311.9	350.5	457.2	303.6	372.9		
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July.....	276.0	301.5	236.7	280.2	282.5	323.0	351.4	408.7	366.3	316.3		
August.....	270.1	277.7	231.2	266.4	287.7	306.8	379.7	455.2	332.1	382.7		
September.....	304.4	320.0	304.3	297.4	300.2	330.6	485.3	493.0	477.0	474.1		

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS					
	Maritimes		Western Provinces		CANADA		CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario		Western Provinces	
	CANADA	Que. & Ont.	Que.	Ont.	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Quebec	Ontario	Ontario	Provinces	Provinces
September, 1944.....	207.0	217.9	180.5		183.8	212.8	189.2	188.2	183.1			183.1	194.8	
September, 1945.....	227.1	236.6	203.6		199.2	243.9	191.3	192.2	187.9			187.9	189.9	
September, 1946.....	258.4	267.8	235.6		243.4	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9			239.9	231.3	
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November.....	284.3	277.3	305.2		273.7	292.3	218.9	201.4	243.6			243.6	239.1	
December.....	215.8	215.1	218.2		167.3	251.0	162.5	150.5	186.8			186.8	142.8	
1947 - January.....	255.2	246.6	278.8		294.7	278.7	220.8	190.9	256.9			256.9	232.1	
February.....	220.6	216.3	236.7		277.2	297.8	229.3	224.0	272.0			272.0	177.3	
March.....	223.4	218.9	236.3		266.0	300.2	266.0	260.1	294.1			294.1	261.6	
April.....	248.8	240.5	266.4		249.4	294.2	282.0	291.8	294.0			294.0	239.2	
May.....	266.7	266.4	265.8		248.3	265.0	270.8	264.3	287.5			287.5	257.1	
June.....	230.8	221.5	254.4		210.9	247.5	212.5	229.0	211.5			211.5	180.7	
July.....	256.2	248.1	278.5		196.9	216.3	182.0	147.3	200.2			200.2	229.4	
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**GROCERIES**

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Year and Month	CANADA					Maritimes			Western Provinces		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	British Columbia	CANADA	& Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	Western
September, 1944	188.3	222.1	181.0	181.3	182.3	198.2	243.5	242.0	201.7	301.2	
September, 1945	179.6	207.3	165.4	171.7	177.9	204.8	296.4	288.7	256.6	340.7	
September, 1946	223.4	247.5	212.7	226.1	205.5	257.4	301.1	286.4	237.9	372.4	
September, 1947	274.8	501.0	266.0	265.2	258.2	333.8	505.3	297.0	259.8	356.4	
1946 - October	243.2	284.1	252.9	249.2	227.1	236.0	297.1	226.1	254.4	356.4	
November	231.2	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	263.7	233.7	249.4	309.9	
December	200.8	240.2	191.1	212.2	162.3	248.1	276.4	240.3	268.4	301.5	
1947 - January	213.4	250.5	163.7	232.5	190.8	246.1	217.8	169.1	238.5	218.2	
February	200.3	222.0	159.8	211.6	189.2	228.6	219.3	207.5	220.8	220.6	
March	215.9	254.8	185.6	212.9	202.7	260.7	262.1	247.9	259.8	263.2	
April	222.8	279.4	188.5	233.8	190.1	259.4	257.3	272.1	294.2	269.2	
May	228.6	264.9	215.3	244.1	203.9	246.9	327.5	322.5	529.0	312.9	
June	240.3	246.3	214.6	248.1	212.4	300.7	316.8	334.8	303.9	315.9	
July	262.5	305.7	241.4	266.3	243.1	285.7	318.7	256.4	326.4	370.2	
August	246.7	271.5	240.9	246.0	243.1	277.7	290.1	182.6	278.2	379.2	
September	274.8	301.0	268.0	265.2	252.2	333.8	305.3	297.0	259.8	356.4	

**HARDWARE**

**TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY**

Year and Month	CANADA					Maritimes			Western Provinces		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	CANADA	& Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	Western	
September, 1944	198.6	237.4	215.1	179.7	202.3	247.3	250.5	232.0	224.5		
September, 1945	228.6	242.4	235.7	217.1	237.3	257.5	248.0	251.3	238.2		
September, 1946	280.9	294.8	279.8	277.9	291.9	292.8	288.7	294.5	278.5		
September, 1947	340.5	371.2	346.4	352.9	342.1	323.8	342.7	318.6	305.0		
1946 - October	297.2	311.8	270.0	272.1	320.7	336.8	344.6	314.6	320.2		
November	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	311.0	274.3	300.2	333.9		
December	249.4	206.5	334.9	269.2	248.7	305.0	323.9	295.0	292.0		
1947 - January	268.3	209.9	376.8	249.6	293.7	280.8	259.8	285.2	269.5		
February	293.6	227.8	256.7	280.3	315.8	246.0	229.4	259.2	232.5		
March	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4		
April	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	309.0	347.0	293.3	273.1		
May	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	358.4	333.9	374.0	321.4		
June	352.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	337.5	322.7	332.0	309.6	304.7		
July	310.5	279.1	272.1	299.9	339.7	342.4	353.4	322.8	330.5		
August	297.8	281.4	296.8	245.9	313.4	308.7	309.4	320.1	287.7		
September	340.5	371.2	346.4	352.9	342.1	323.8	342.7	318.6	305.0		



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WHOLESALE TRADE

October, 1947

Wholesale Sales Volume Still Climbing

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in October, 1947 was 18% above the volume for October, 1946 and up 8% from the September, 1947 level. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100), as compiled from returns submitted by 394 wholesalers in 9 lines of trade, stood at 325.5 for October, 1947, 301.7 for September, 1947, and 276.8 for October, 1946.

Cumulative sales for the year to date rose another point in October bringing the dollar sales for the first ten months of 1947 to a point 11% above those for the corresponding period last year.

The October gain of 24% in British Columbia over October, 1946 was only slightly higher than those registered in Ontario (23%) and the Maritimes (22%). Quebec sales were up 17% while, in the Prairies, an increase of 7% was recorded.

Footwear Sales Advance

Footwear sales increased 22% in October compared with a cumulative gain of only 8% for the year to date. Clothing and dry goods sales, on the other hand, registered increases of 22% and 8% respectively compared with 25% and 11% for the year to date.

Major Gain in Grocery Sales

Largest increase was recorded for grocery wholesalers who showed an increase over October, 1946 in dollar volume of sales of 29%. Sales of hardware and automotive equipment wholesalers also continued to advance to points 21% and 18% respectively above the October, 1946 level. Gains of 7% and 8% were reported by wholesalers of drugs and of tobacco and confectionery, while fruit and vegetable dealers' sales, after showing a slight increase over last year in September, again dropped 4% below last year's volume.

Inventory Values Increase

Substantial increases in value of stocks on hand at the end of October were recorded by all 9 trades, resulting in an overall gain of 29%. Outstanding increases were those reported in the dry goods trade (60%), automotive equipment (54%), hardware, clothing and footwear (37%, 32% and 31% respectively).

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1947 Compared With 1946			
	Sales			INVENTORY October, 1947 October, 1946
	(1)	(2)	Jan.-to- Oct., 1947	
	Sept. 1947 Sept. 1946	Oct. 1947 Oct. 1946	Jan.-to- Oct., 1946	
Automotive Equipment .....	+24.8	+17.9	+ 7.8	+54.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+32.3	+17.9		
Ontario .....	+30.3	+28.0		
Western Provinces .....	+17.6	+ 9.3		
Drugs .....	+ 6.0	+ 7.3	+ 3.6	+ 7.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 6.5	+ 9.9		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.7	+ 0.3		
Clothing .....	+ 7.5	+ 8.0	+11.4	+32.1
Quebec .....	- 0.4	- 2.6		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+11.4	+15.5		
Footwear .....	+12.0	+22.0	+ 8.2	+30.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+17.3	+16.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+ 7.9	+27.7		
Dry Goods .....	+30.9	+21.6	+24.8	+59.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+34.9	+25.2		
Ontario .....	+30.7	+23.9		
Western Provinces .....	+24.8	+13.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 1.4	- 4.2	- 5.6	+15.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.4	- 2.0		
Ontario .....	+ 9.2	+ 1.2		
Western Provinces .....	- 4.3	- 9.5		
Groceries .....	+23.1	+28.8	+16.9	+18.4
Maritimes .....	+21.6	+27.2		
Quebec .....	+25.2	+18.5		
Ontario .....	+17.3	+38.2		
Prairies .....	+26.5	+18.1		
British Columbia .....	+29.7	+39.1		
Hardware .....	+20.9	+21.0	+15.7	+36.5
Maritimes .....	+25.9	+26.3		
Quebec .....	+23.8	+29.6		
Ontario .....	+25.1	+30.2		
Western Provinces .....	+17.2	+12.3		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+10.6	+ 8.3	+ 6.4	+10.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.4	+14.4		
Ontario .....	+ 8.3	+ 7.0		
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.5	+ 6.6		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes .....	+17.3	+22.0		
Quebec .....	+21.1	+16.9		
Ontario .....	+17.2	+23.4		
Prairies .....	+12.4	+ 7.1		
British Columbia .....	+23.9	+23.9		
CANADA .....	+17.3	+17.6	+11.1	+29.1

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1944	202.4	250.0	209.8	194.3	194.9	198.8	222.0	266.6	187.4	223.1
October, 1945	237.2	277.3	233.7	231.8	229.8	250.7	308.6	399.4	249.1	311.7
October, 1946	276.8	296.4	272.7	267.3	276.9	298.1	360.8	415.8	332.3	340.7
October, 1947	325.5	361.6	318.8	329.8	296.6	369.3	425.4	490.2	425.3	372.4
1946 - November	257.2	280.4	246.9	251.0	257.9	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
December	222.2	237.4	214.8	229.8	191.9	275.1	231.9	347.2	243.5	203.7
1947 - January	237.7	235.5	206.4	252.6	231.7	271.0	345.4	342.3	354.1	349.5
February	231.4	219.0	218.9	239.2	220.2	260.4	337.3	428.7	321.2	318.5
March	256.7	257.8	251.0	250.2	252.1	293.6	314.7	373.0	297.3	372.6
April	268.8	293.2	257.6	273.7	251.5	305.9	360.2	411.5	307.0	396.8
May	280.6	297.4	262.5	293.8	267.7	311.9	350.5	457.2	303.5	372.9
June	268.3	272.1	245.0	273.0	250.6	330.1	369.4	414.0	337.8	390.8
July	277.6	301.5	241.9	280.2	282.5	323.0	351.4	408.7	366.3	316.3
August	272.7	277.7	238.0	266.4	287.7	306.8	379.7	455.2	332.1	382.7
September	301.7	317.5	292.9	297.1	301.6	330.6	483.7	491.9	467.0	475.7
October	325.5	361.6	318.8	329.8	296.6	369.3	425.4	490.2	425.3	372.4
Year and Month	DRUGS					CLOTHING FOOTWEAR				
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1944	236.7	236.0	236.3	222.8	227.9	186.1	185.6	179.5	179.5	197.8
October, 1945	268.2	264.1	277.7	238.6	263.9	184.6	178.4	184.0	184.0	199.0
October, 1946	292.1	285.0	309.9	282.3	350.5	228.7	210.0	242.7	242.7	247.2
October, 1947	313.4	313.2	310.8	304.9	427.6	278.1	262.9	300.7	300.7	281.3
1946 - November	284.3	277.3	305.2	273.7	292.3	218.9	201.4	243.6	243.6	239.1
December	215.8	215.1	218.2	167.3	251.0	162.5	150.5	186.8	186.8	142.8
1947 - January	255.2	246.6	278.8	294.7	278.7	220.8	190.9	256.9	256.9	232.1
February	220.6	216.3	236.7	277.2	297.8	229.3	224.0	272.0	272.0	177.3
March	223.4	218.9	236.3	266.0	300.2	266.0	260.1	294.1	294.1	261.6
April	248.8	240.5	266.4	249.4	294.2	282.0	291.8	294.0	294.0	239.2
May	266.7	266.4	265.8	248.3	265.0	270.8	264.3	287.5	287.5	257.1
June	230.8	221.3	254.4	210.9	247.5	212.5	229.0	211.5	211.5	180.7
July	256.2	248.1	278.5	196.9	216.3	182.0	147.3	200.2	200.2	229.4
August	241.6	229.0	275.3	263.8	334.8	237.5	197.5	276.2	276.2	256.2
September	273.9	285.2	246.7	261.7	378.1	303.9	301.0	313.5	313.5	288.7
October	313.4	313.2	310.8	304.9	427.6	278.1	262.9	300.7	300.7	281.3

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

## GROCERIES

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1944	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.5	183.3	202.8	250.8
October, 1945	203.1	255.0	204.1	204.3	182.3	214.9	288.9	251.5	272.4	318.8
October, 1946	248.2	284.1	256.8	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.5	226.6	254.4	356.4
October, 1947	319.7	361.4	304.3	344.4	268.2	370.0	275.4	222.1	257.5	322.5
1946 - November	231.2	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	263.9	234.4	249.4	309.9
December	200.8	240.2	191.1	212.2	162.3	248.1	276.5	241.2	268.4	301.5
1947 - January	213.4	250.5	163.7	232.5	190.8	246.1	217.9	169.9	238.5	218.2
February	200.3	222.0	159.8	211.6	189.2	228.6	219.5	208.3	220.8	220.6
March	215.9	254.8	185.6	212.9	202.7	260.7	262.4	248.4	259.8	263.2
April	222.8	279.4	188.5	233.8	190.1	259.4	257.4	273.0	294.2	269.2
May	228.6	264.9	215.3	244.1	203.8	246.9	327.7	323.7	329.0	312.9
June	240.3	266.3	214.6	248.1	212.4	300.7	315.9	336.0	303.9	315.9
July	262.5	305.7	241.4	266.3	243.1	285.7	329.6	270.8	326.4	370.2
August	246.7	271.5	210.9	246.0	243.1	277.7	305.0	224.6	278.2	379.2
September	275.0	301.0	266.3	265.2	260.5	333.8	278.9	210.4	259.8	356.4
October	319.7	361.4	304.3	344.4	268.2	370.0	275.4	222.1	257.5	322.5

## HARDWARE

## TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1944	193.1	245.1	203.2	173.9	190.4	251.4	259.9	237.7	235.0
October, 1945	246.6	259.8	247.7	227.1	252.5	290.6	286.9	274.3	277.5
October, 1946	297.2	311.8	270.0	272.1	320.7	336.8	344.6	314.6	320.2
October, 1947	359.6	393.8	349.9	354.3	360.1	364.8	394.2	336.6	341.3
1946 - November	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	311.0	274.3	300.2	333.9
December	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	305.0	323.9	296.0	292.0
1947 - January	268.3	209.9	276.8	249.6	293.7	280.8	259.8	285.2	269.6
February	293.6	227.8	256.7	280.3	315.8	246.0	229.4	259.2	232.5
March	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4
April	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	309.0	347.0	293.3	273.1
May	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	358.4	333.9	374.0	321.4
June	322.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	337.5	322.7	332.0	309.6	304.7
July	310.5	279.1	272.1	299.9	339.7	342.4	353.4	322.8	330.5
August	297.8	281.4	296.8	245.9	313.4	308.7	309.4	320.1	287.7
September	339.6	371.2	346.4	347.7	342.1	323.8	341.8	318.9	305.0
October	359.6	393.8	349.9	354.3	360.1	364.8	394.2	336.6	341.3



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WHOLESALE TRADE

November, 1947

Seasonal Decline in Sales from October

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in November fell off 9% from the October level but were 16% above sales in November, 1946 according to statements submitted by 388 wholesalers in 9 lines of trade. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 297.1 for November, 1947, 325.2 for October, 1947, and 257.2 for November, 1946. Cumulative sales for the eleven months of 1947 were 12% higher than those for the corresponding period of 1946.

British Columbia continued to record the greatest gain over 1946 with an increase of 23%. Ontario and Quebec sales were up 17 and 18% respectively, while sales in the Maritimes increased 13% and in the Prairies, 10%.

Sales in Most Lines Firm

Dollar sales in the automotive equipment trade advanced 29% over November, 1946, with the cumulative sales for the year to date being 10% above those for the previous year. Grocery, hardware and dry goods sales were 23, 21, and 20% respectively higher than in November, 1946. Sales of tobacco and confectionery were up 5%, while the clothing trade registered a gain of 3%.

Footwear Sales Drop

Sales of footwear wholesalers dropped 5% below the dollar volume of November, 1946, while a small decline of 2% was also reported by drug wholesalers. Sales of fruit and vegetable dealers, which have been below the 1946 level almost continuously since the beginning of the year, pulled up slightly in November with the dollar volume 1% above that for November a year ago.

Inventories

Wholesalers' inventories were valued 25% higher at the end of November, 1947 than at the same date in 1946. Largest increases in stocks on hand at the end of November, 1947 compared with November, 1946 were reported by the automotive equipment trade (48%), dry goods trade (47%), footwear trade (33%), and hardware (28%). Stocks held by grocery and fruit and vegetable wholesalers were 20% and 13% respectively above November, 1946.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1947 Compared With 1946			
	Sales		INVENTORY	
	(1) Oct. 1947 Oct. 1946	(2) Nov. 1947 Nov. 1946	Jan.-to- Nov., 1947 Jan.-to- Nov., 1946	November, 1947 November, 1946
Automotive Equipment .....	+18.5	+28.9	+ 9.7	+48.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+19.9	+29.5		
Ontario .....	+27.3	+26.4		
Western Provinces .....	+ 0.0	+31.1		
Drugs .....	+ 7.2	+ 1.6	+ 3.0	+ 8.7
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .....	+ 0.0	+ 1.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 0.0	+ 2.3		
Clothing .....	+ 4.1	+ 2.0	+10.1	+14.3
Quebec .....	+ 2.6	+12.9		
Ontario and Western Provinces .....	+ 0.1	+15.2		
Footwear .....	+22.0	+ 4.9	+ 7.0	+32.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+10.2	+23.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces .....	+27.7	+19.7		
Dry Goods .....	+22.4	+19.8	+24.4	+47.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+27.2	+23.5		
Ontario .....	+28.9	+20.7		
Western Provinces .....	+13.8	+13.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 3.3	+ 0.3	+ 5.0	+13.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 1.7	+17.8		
Ontario .....	+ 0.5	+ 2.1		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.3	+ 9.9		
Groceries .....	+28.3	+23.4	+17.5	+19.8
Maritimes .....	+27.3	+17.2		
Quebec .....	+18.0	+21.3		
Ontario .....	+28.2	+27.4		
Prairies .....	+17.7	+18.4		
British Columbia .....	+39.1	+32.6		
Hardware .....	+21.0	+20.6	+16.2	+27.7
Maritimes .....	+20.3	+25.4		
Quebec .....	+29.3	+27.5		
Ontario .....	+30.3	+24.7		
Western Provinces .....	+12.3	+15.3		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 8.0	+ 5.2	+ 6.2	+ 7.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+14.4	+15.6		
Ontario .....	+ 6.3	+ 2.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.9	+ 3.7		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes .....	+22.0	+12.6		
Quebec .....	+17.3	+17.6		
Ontario .....	+22.7	+16.8		
Prairies .....	+ 7.1	+ 9.7		
British Columbia .....	+25.0	+22.8		
CANADA .....	+17.5	+15.5	+11.5	+25.1

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1944	195.3	245.9	194.9	189.3	190.6	200.7	208.9	229.9	175.5	235.7
November, 1945	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
November, 1946	257.2	280.4	246.9	251.0	257.9	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
November, 1947	297.1	315.7	290.4	293.2	282.9	354.5	422.0	468.8	377.6	449.4
1946 - December	222.2	237.4	214.8	229.8	191.9	275.1	231.9	347.2	243.5	203.7
1947 - January	237.7	235.5	206.4	252.6	231.7	271.0	345.4	342.3	354.1	349.5
February	231.4	219.0	218.9	239.2	220.2	260.4	337.3	428.7	321.2	318.5
March	256.7	257.8	251.0	250.2	252.1	293.6	314.7	373.0	297.3	372.6
April	268.8	293.2	257.6	273.7	251.5	305.9	360.2	411.5	307.0	396.8
May	280.6	297.4	262.5	293.8	267.7	311.9	350.5	457.2	303.5	372.9
June	268.3	272.1	245.0	273.0	250.6	330.1	369.4	414.0	337.8	390.8
July	277.6	301.5	241.9	280.2	282.5	323.0	351.4	408.7	366.3	316.3
August	272.7	277.7	238.0	266.4	287.7	306.8	379.7	455.2	332.1	382.7
September	301.7	317.5	292.9	297.1	301.6	330.6	483.7	491.9	467.0	475.7
October	325.2	361.6	319.9	328.0	296.6	372.6	427.9	498.5	423.0	372.4
November	297.1	315.7	290.4	293.2	282.9	354.5	422.0	468.8	377.6	449.4

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA	CANADA	CANADA		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1944	231.8	234.7	223.9		194.9	189.4	158.7	152.9	165.7	175.8		
November, 1945	259.4	256.3	268.7		200.2	219.3	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8		
November, 1946	284.3	277.3	305.2		273.7	292.3	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1		
November, 1947	279.2	272.9	298.2		281.6	278.0	262.2	248.7	294.0	272.1		
1946 - December	215.8	215.1	218.2		167.3	251.0	162.5	150.5	186.8	142.8		
1947 - January	255.2	246.6	278.8		294.7	278.7	220.8	190.9	256.9	232.1		
February	220.6	216.3	236.7		277.2	297.8	229.3	224.0	272.0	177.3		
March	223.4	218.9	236.3		266.0	300.2	266.0	260.1	294.1	261.6		
April	248.8	240.5	266.4		249.4	294.2	282.0	291.8	294.0	239.2		
May	266.7	266.4	265.8		248.3	265.0	270.8	264.3	287.5	257.1		
June	230.8	221.3	254.4		210.9	247.5	212.5	229.0	211.5	180.7		
July	256.2	248.1	278.5		196.9	216.3	182.0	147.3	200.2	229.4		
August	241.6	229.0	275.3		263.8	334.8	237.5	197.5	276.2	256.2		
September	273.9	285.2	246.7		261.7	378.1	303.9	301.0	313.5	288.7		
October	313.4	313.2	310.8		295.3	427.6	279.9	267.1	300.7	281.3		
November	279.2	272.9	298.2		281.6	278.0	262.2	248.7	294.0	272.1		

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1944	185.6	242.8	201.1	187.2	159.5	183.2	206.1	189.9	193.8	238.2
November, 1945	195.8	243.3	193.9	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.6	242.7	286.0	278.7
November, 1946	231.2	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	263.9	234.4	249.4	309.9
November, 1947	285.3	321.9	278.7	295.7	249.4	339.7	266.3	276.1	254.6	279.2
1946 - December	200.8	240.2	191.1	212.2	162.3	248.1	276.5	241.2	268.4	301.5
1947 - January	213.4	250.5	163.7	232.5	190.8	246.1	217.9	169.9	238.5	218.2
February	200.3	222.0	159.8	211.6	169.2	228.6	219.5	208.3	220.8	220.6
March	218.9	254.8	185.6	212.9	202.7	260.7	262.4	248.4	259.8	263.2
April	222.8	279.4	188.5	233.8	190.1	259.4	257.4	273.0	294.2	269.2
May	228.6	264.9	215.3	244.1	203.8	246.9	327.7	<b>323.7</b>	329.0	312.9
June	240.3	266.3	214.6	246.1	212.4	300.7	315.9	336.0	303.9	315.9
July	262.5	305.7	241.4	266.3	243.1	285.7	329.6	270.8	326.4	370.2
August	245.7	271.5	210.9	246.0	243.1	277.7	305.0	224.6	278.2	379.2
September	275.0	301.0	266.3	265.2	260.5	333.8	278.9	210.4	259.8	356.4
October	318.4	361.4	303.0	344.4	267.3	370.0	278.0	222.7	255.7	330.4
November	265.3	321.9	278.7	295.7	249.4	339.7	<b>266.3</b>	276.1	254.6	279.2
HARDWARE										
TOBACCO AND CIGARETTERY										
Year and Month	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
November, 1944	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	243.2	262.9	232.3	242.1	
November, 1945	236.0	222.9	236.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8	
November, 1946	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	311.0	274.3	300.2	333.9	
November, 1947	350.6	308.9	354.3	345.0	355.8	327.2	317.1	308.0	346.3	
1946 - December	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	305.0	323.9	296.0	292.0	
1947 - January	268.3	209.9	276.8	<b>249.6</b>	<b>293.7</b>	<b>280.8</b>	<b>259.8</b>	<b>285.2</b>	<b>269.6</b>	
February	293.6	227.8	256.7	280.3	315.8	246.0	229.4	259.2	232.5	
March	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4	
April	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	309.0	347.0	293.3	273.1	
May	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	358.4	333.9	374.0	321.4	
June	322.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	337.5	322.7	332.0	309.6	304.7	
July	310.5	279.1	272.1	293.9	339.7	342.4	353.4	322.8	330.5	
August	297.8	281.4	296.8	245.9	313.4	308.7	309.4	<b>320.1</b>	287.7	
September	339.6	371.2	346.4	347.7	342.1	323.8	341.8	318.9	305.0	
October	353.6	393.8	349.9	354.5	360.1	363.7	394.2	334.4	342.3	
November	350.6	308.9	354.3	345.0	355.8	327.2	317.1	308.0	346.3	



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WHOLESALE TRADE

December, 1947

December Increase 13%, Close to 12% Increase for 1947/1946

December, 1947 sales of 365 wholesalers in nine lines of trade were 13% above the dollar volume of December, 1946 but dropped 15% from the November, 1947 volume. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 251.8 for December, 1947, 222.2 for December, 1946, and 295.0 for November, 1947. Total sales for the year 1947 exceeded the 1946 volume by 12%.

According to regions, British Columbia with an increase of 18% and Ontario with sales up 17% had the greatest gains in dollar volume of business when compared with December, 1946. Quebec sales were up 13%; those in the Maritimes, 10%; and in the Prairie Provinces, 8%.

Largest Gains in Wholesale Hardware--29%, Automotive Equipment--20%

Sales by hardware wholesalers were 29% higher than in December, 1946, a considerably larger increase than the 17% registered for the twelve months of 1947 compared with 1946. Wholesalers of automotive equipment also reported a greater increase in December sales compared with the same month of 1946 (20%) than the increase recorded for the year 1947 compared with 1946 (10%).

The dry goods and groceries trades, while reporting substantial increases in sales in December, 1947 over the same month of 1946 of 18% and 14% respectively, did not maintain the increase recorded in earlier months. The cumulative increase for the twelve months of 1947 over 1946 for dry goods amounted to 24%, while that for groceries was 17%.

Tobacco and confectionery, footwear, and drug wholesalers had December, 1947 sales ranging from 14% to 18% higher than December, 1946. These increases exceeded by a considerable margin the gains for the year as a whole. Percentage increases for these trades in December compared with the same month a year ago, with the cumulative twelve-month percentage increases in brackets, are as follows: tobacco and confectionery, 18% (7%); footwear, 17% (8%); and drugs, 14% (4%). Clothing wholesalers' sales were 13% in excess of those for December, 1946, while sales in the year 1947 were 10% higher than in 1946.

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12% Decline in Fruit and Vegetable Sales in December

Fruits and vegetable dealers' sales, which have continued lower than in 1946 throughout 1947 recording a drop of 6% for the year, were 12% lower in December, 1947 than in December a year ago. This is the greatest decrease registered for any month of 1947 compared with corresponding month of 1946.

December Inventories Show Smallest Gains in 1947

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers at December 31, 1947 were valued 20% higher than at the same date in 1946. This gain is less than those recorded in all earlier months of 1947. The drop in increases in value of stocks compared with 1946 was apparent in all trades with the exception of tobacco and confectionery where inventories at the end of December were valued 32% higher than at December 31, 1946. Stocks held by fruit and vegetable dealers were 10% below the value at the end of December a year ago. The dry goods and automotive equipment trades continued to record the largest increases in stocks on hand with gains of 45% and 38% respectively. Footwear wholesalers' stocks were up by 33% while other increases were as follows: hardware, 20%; groceries, 16%; clothing, 8%; and drugs, 6%.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1947 Compared with 1946			
	Sales			INVENTORY  December, 1947 December, 1946
	(1)	(2)	(2)	
	Nov. 1947	Dec. 1947	12 months 1947	
	Nov. 1946	Dec. 1946	12 months 1946	
Automotive Equipment .....	+26.3	+19.7	+10.1	+38.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+27.4	+11.6		
Ontario .....	+26.8	+27.7		
Western Provinces .....	+25.4	+16.6		
Drugs .....	- 2.2	+14.4	+ 3.8	+ 6.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	- 1.7	+19.1		
Western Provinces .....	- 3.7	+ 2.4		
Clothing .....	+ 2.5	+12.6	+10.2	+ 7.6
Quebec .....	-12.9	-13.0		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+13.6	+38.3		
Footwear .....	- 4.0	+17.0	+ 7.8	+33.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-23.8	+25.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+20.7	+ 7.3		
Dry Goods .....	+20.1	+17.9	+24.0	+45.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+23.7	+ 1.5		
Ontario .....	+21.0	+41.0		
Western Provinces .....	+13.8	+20.0		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 0.5	-12.3	- 5.6	- 9.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+14.5	- 9.8		
Ontario .....	+ 0.6	-11.3		
Western Provinces .....	- 9.9	-14.6		
Groceries .....	+22.1	+13.5	+17.0	+15.8
Maritimes .....	+18.0	+ 9.4		
Quebec .....	+20.6	+17.4		
Ontario .....	+27.2	+18.4		
Prairies .....	+18.1	+ 7.5		
British Columbia .....	+24.1	+14.0		
Hardware .....	+20.6	+29.0	+17.1	+19.8
Maritimes .....	+25.4	+19.7		
Quebec .....	+27.2	+28.2		
Ontario .....	+24.7	+25.7		
Western Provinces .....	+15.3	+31.9		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 5.4	+17.6	+ 7.2	+31.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+15.6	+23.2		
Ontario .....	+ 2.6	+20.3		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.2	+12.8		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes .....	+13.3	+ 9.5		
Quebec .....	+17.1	+13.0		
Ontario .....	+16.5	+16.7		
Prairies .....	+ 9.0	+ 7.9		
British Columbia .....	+19.7	+17.9		
CANADA .....	+14.7	+13.3	+11.6	+19.6

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1944	171.5	201.1	183.5	174.7	153.9	198.3	166.8	175.0	150.3	191.8
December, 1945	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
December, 1946	222.2	237.4	214.8	224.8	191.9	275.1	231.9	347.2	243.5	203.7
December, 1947	251.8	260.0	242.7	268.2	207.1	324.3	277.5	387.5	310.9	237.5
1947 - January	237.7	235.5	206.4	232.5	231.7	271.0	345.4	342.3	354.1	349.5
February	231.4	216.7	212.0	239.2	220.8	260.4	337.3	428.7	321.2	318.5
March	256.7	287.5	251.5	253.2	252.1	293.6	514.7	373.0	297.3	372.6
April	268.8	293.2	257.6	273.7	251.5	305.9	360.2	411.5	307.0	396.8
May	280.5	297.4	262.5	293.8	267.7	311.9	350.5	457.2	303.5	372.9
June	268.3	272.1	245.0	273.0	250.6	330.1	369.4	414.0	337.8	390.8
July	277.6	301.5	241.9	280.2	282.5	323.0	351.4	408.7	366.3	316.3
August	272.7	277.7	259.0	268.4	287.7	306.8	379.7	455.2	332.1	382.7
September	301.7	317.5	292.9	297.1	301.6	330.6	483.7	491.9	467.0	475.7
October	325.2	361.6	319.9	328.0	296.6	372.6	427.9	498.5	423.0	372.4
November	295.0	317.7	289.1	292.4	281.1	345.6	413.5	461.2	378.8	429.9
December	251.8	260.0	242.7	268.2	207.1	324.3	277.6	387.5	310.9	237.5

Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR						DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1944	186.7	190.3	176.8	176.8	120.0	143.7	171.8	103.6	124.4	104.8
December, 1945	196.3	199.2	196.2	196.2	116.9	219.0	113.4	98.4	130.2	113.7
December, 1946	215.3	215.1	218.2	218.2	167.3	251.0	162.5	150.5	186.8	142.8
December, 1947	246.9	256.2	223.4	223.4	188.4	293.7	191.6	152.8	263.4	171.4
1947 - January	255.2	246.6	278.8	278.8	294.7	278.7	220.8	190.9	256.9	232.1
February	220.6	216.3	236.7	236.7	277.2	297.8	229.3	224.0	272.0	177.3
March	223.4	218.9	236.3	236.3	266.0	300.2	266.0	260.1	294.1	261.6
April	248.8	240.5	266.4	266.4	249.4	294.2	282.0	291.8	294.0	239.2
May	266.7	266.4	265.8	265.8	248.3	265.0	270.8	264.3	287.5	257.1
June	230.8	221.3	254.4	254.4	210.9	247.5	212.5	229.0	211.5	180.7
July	256.2	248.1	278.5	278.5	196.9	216.3	182.0	147.3	200.2	229.4
August	241.6	229.0	275.3	275.3	263.8	334.8	237.5	197.5	276.2	256.2
September	273.9	285.2	246.7	246.7	261.7	378.1	303.9	301.0	313.5	288.7
October	313.4	313.2	310.8	310.8	295.3	427.6	279.9	267.1	300.7	281.3
November	278.0	272.6	293.9	293.9	280.5	280.6	262.9	249.1	294.8	272.1
December	246.9	256.2	223.4	223.4	188.4	293.7	191.6	152.8	263.4	171.4



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## GROCERIES

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1944	163.1	203.8	157.0	172.3	134.0	184.2	234.7	217.0	230.9	242.6
December, 1945	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.3	271.3	302.9	301.8
December, 1946	200.8	240.2	191.1	212.2	162.3	248.1	276.5	241.2	268.4	301.5
December, 1947	227.2	262.8	224.4	251.2	174.5	282.8	242.5	217.6	238.1	257.5
1947 - January	213.4	250.5	163.7	232.5	190.8	246.1	217.9	169.9	238.5	218.2
February	200.3	222.0	159.8	211.6	189.2	228.6	219.5	208.3	220.8	220.6
March	215.9	254.8	185.3	212.9	202.7	260.7	262.4	248.4	259.8	263.2
April	222.8	279.4	188.5	233.8	190.1	259.4	257.4	273.0	294.2	269.2
May	228.3	264.9	215.3	244.1	203.8	246.9	327.7	323.7	329.0	312.9
June	240.3	266.3	214.6	248.1	212.4	300.7	315.9	336.0	303.9	315.9
July	262.5	305.7	241.4	266.3	243.1	285.7	329.6	270.8	326.4	370.2
August	246.7	271.5	210.9	246.0	243.1	277.7	305.0	224.6	278.2	379.2
September	275.0	301.0	266.3	265.2	260.5	333.8	278.9	210.4	259.8	356.4
October	318.4	361.4	303.0	344.4	267.3	370.0	276.0	222.7	255.7	330.4
November	282.3	324.1	277.1	295.2	248.7	317.9	262.6	268.4	250.9	279.2
December	227.9	262.8	224.4	251.2	174.5	282.8	242.5	217.6	238.1	257.5

## HARDWARE

### TORACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1944	156.5	134.5	147.9	149.6	164.0	242.9	270.3	235.4	227.9
December, 1945	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6
December, 1946	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	305.0	323.9	296.0	292.0
December, 1947	321.7	247.2	301.1	338.4	328.0	358.7	399.0	356.1	329.4
1947 - January	268.3	209.9	276.8	249.6	293.7	280.8	259.8	285.2	269.6
February	293.6	227.8	256.7	280.3	315.8	246.0	229.4	259.2	232.5
March	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4
April	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	309.0	347.0	293.3	273.1
May	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	358.4	333.9	374.0	321.4
June	322.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	337.5	322.7	332.0	309.6	304.7
July	310.5	279.1	272.1	299.9	339.7	342.4	353.4	322.8	330.5
August	297.8	281.4	296.8	245.9	313.4	308.7	309.4	320.1	287.7
September	339.6	371.2	346.4	347.7	342.1	323.8	341.8	318.9	305.0
October	359.6	393.8	349.9	354.5	360.1	363.7	394.2	334.4	342.3
November	350.6	308.9	353.5	345.0	355.8	327.8	317.1	308.0	347.9
December	321.7	247.2	301.1	338.4	328.0	358.7	399.0	356.1	329.4





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WHOLESALE TRADE

January, 1948

General Sales Index 3% Above January, 1947

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada during the month of January, 1948 was 3% in excess of the volume for January, 1947 and 2% below the December, 1947 level. This drop between December and January is a normal seasonal trend which has not been in evidence since January, 1944. Figures are based on returns from 374 wholesalers in nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 245.5 for January, 1948, 237.7 for January, 1947, and 251.3 for December, 1947.

Considerable variation in trends existed between the various regions. British Columbia had the largest increase over the previous year with a gain of 16%. Sales in Quebec and Ontario were up 7% and 3% respectively. Wholesalers in the Prairies reported sales 2% below January, 1947, while a drop of 7% was registered in the Maritime Provinces.

Increases Smaller than in Previous Months

Only the drug trade, with sales up 11%, reported an increase over January, 1947 larger than has occurred in preceding months. Tobacco and confectionery sales were up 6%. The other three trades showing an increase, viz. dry goods, hardware, and groceries, recorded considerably smaller gains than have been experienced for some months. Dry goods wholesalers' sales were 14% above January, 1947, hardware sales were up 13%, while grocers registered an increase of only 2%.

Sales Drop in Four Trades

Sales of wholesalers of clothing, automotive equipment, footwear, and fruits and vegetables were smaller in January, 1948 than in the same month last year. Decreases in these trades were as follows: clothing, 6%; automotive equipment, 7%; footwear, 10%; fruits and vegetables, 11%.

Inventories Valued 19% Higher

Largest increases in value of inventories at January 31, 1948 compared with January 31, 1947 were registered in the dry goods trade (42%); clothing (38%), automotive equipment (33%), and hardware (26%). Tobacco and confectionery and footwear wholesalers' stocks increased 17% and 16% respectively, while lesser gains of 8% and 5% were recorded by grocery and drug wholesalers. Stocks of fruits and vegetables were valued 8% lower.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	
	December 1947 December 1946	January 1948 January 1947	
Automotive Equipment .....	+22.5	- 7.3	+33.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+19.8	-19.7	
Ontario .....	+27.1	+ 3.1	
Western Provinces .....	+19.6	-10.5	
Drugs .....	+10.4	+10.8	+ 5.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+13.0	+10.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.9	+11.8	
Clothing .....	+11.4	- 6.3	+38.2
Quebec .....	- 5.7	-10.8	
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+28.1	- 4.2	
Footwear .....	+17.0	- 9.6	+16.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+25.3	- 3.7	
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+ 7.3	-16.0	
Dry Goods .....	+17.9	+14.3	+42.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 2.8	+22.2	
Ontario .....	+33.1	+ 9.0	
Western Provinces .....	+18.7	+10.0	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-12.1	-11.2	- 7.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 8.6	- 8.4	
Ontario .....	-11.7	- 9.0	
Western Provinces .....	-14.7	-15.1	
Groceries .....	+13.1	+ 2.0	+ 7.7
Maritimes .....	+ 9.0	- 6.1	
Quebec .....	+15.0	+ 1.4	
Ontario .....	+18.4	- 0.6	
Prairies .....	+ 7.5	+ 1.8	
British Columbia .....	+14.0	+17.6	
Hardware .....	+29.1	+12.7	+25.8
Maritimes .....	+19.7	- 1.4	
Quebec .....	+28.5	+15.8	
Ontario .....	+25.7	+18.7	
Western Provinces .....	+31.9	+ 9.9	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+17.3	+ 6.4	+16.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+22.6	+ 9.9	
Ontario .....	+20.0	+ 6.7	
Western Provinces .....	+12.5	+ 4.4	
Wholesale Trade -			
Maritimes .....	+ 8.7	- 6.6	
Quebec .....	+12.3	+ 7.1	
Ontario .....	+16.3	+ 3.4	
Prairies .....	+ 8.3	- 2.1	
British Columbia .....	+17.5	+16.3	
CANADA .....	+13.1	+ 3.3	+18.5

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

## WHOLESALE TRADE

### AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

Year and Month

	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1945	182.6	202.8	164.8	189.8	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	220.5
January, 1946	217.3	232.0	185.6	231.7	206.7	252.1	358.7	326.0	336.3	404.0
January, 1947	237.7	255.5	206.4	252.5	231.7	271.0	345.4	342.3	354.1	349.5
January, 1948	245.5	220.0	221.1	261.2	226.8	315.2	320.2	274.9	365.1	312.8
1947 - February	231.4	219.0	218.9	239.2	220.2	260.4	337.3	428.7	321.2	318.5
March	250.7	257.8	251.0	250.2	252.1	293.6	314.7	373.0	297.3	372.6
April	268.8	293.2	257.5	273.7	251.5	305.9	360.2	411.5	307.0	396.8
May	280.6	297.4	262.5	293.8	267.7	311.9	350.5	457.2	303.5	372.9
June	268.3	272.1	245.0	273.0	250.6	330.1	369.4	414.0	337.8	390.8
July	277.6	301.5	241.9	280.2	282.5	323.0	351.4	408.7	366.3	316.3
August	272.7	277.7	238.0	266.4	287.7	306.8	379.7	455.2	332.1	382.7
September	301.7	317.5	292.9	297.1	301.6	330.6	483.7	491.9	467.0	475.7
October	325.2	361.6	319.9	328.0	296.3	372.6	427.9	398.5	423.0	372.4
November	295.0	317.7	289.1	292.4	281.1	345.6	413.5	461.2	378.8	429.9
December	251.3	258.1	241.2	267.3	207.8	323.2	284.1	415.9	309.5	243.6
1948 - January	245.5	220.0	221.1	261.2	226.8	315.2	320.2	274.9	365.1	312.8

### DRUGS

### CLOTHING FOOTWEAR

### DRY GOODS

Year and Month

Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont. Provinces	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1945	216.9	213.8	225.7	231.5	221.0	182.2	165.0	204.0	187.8	
January, 1946	247.0	244.6	254.8	281.5	230.3	203.5	183.2	241.7	193.1	
January, 1947	255.2	246.6	273.8	294.7	273.7	220.3	190.9	256.9	232.1	
January, 1948	282.8	272.2	311.7	276.1	251.9	252.4	233.3	280.0	255.3	
1947 - February	228.6	213.3	236.7	277.2	297.8	229.3	224.0	272.0	177.3	
March	223.4	218.9	236.3	266.0	300.2	266.0	260.1	294.1	261.6	
April	248.8	240.5	266.4	249.4	294.2	282.0	291.8	294.0	239.2	
May	266.7	266.4	265.8	248.3	265.0	270.8	264.3	287.5	257.1	
June	230.8	221.3	254.4	210.9	247.5	212.5	229.0	211.5	180.7	
July	256.2	248.1	278.5	196.9	216.3	182.0	147.3	200.2	229.4	
August	241.6	229.0	275.3	263.8	334.8	237.5	197.5	276.2	256.2	
September	273.9	285.2	246.7	261.7	378.1	303.9	301.0	313.5	288.7	
October	313.4	313.2	310.8	295.3	427.6	279.9	267.1	300.7	281.3	
November	278.0	272.6	293.9	280.5	280.6	262.9	249.1	294.8	272.1	
December	238.2	243.1	224.5	186.4	293.7	191.6	154.7	248.6	169.5	
1948 - January	282.8	272.2	311.7	276.1	251.9	252.4	233.3	280.0	255.3	

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Year and Month	GROCERIES							FRUITS AND VEGETABLES		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1945	165.4	210.8	134.3	174.1	146.4	183.1	189.2	171.4	193.6	185.1
January, 1946	185.4	236.3	144.5	199.9	163.5	204.2	230.5	180.7	261.2	220.8
January, 1947	213.4	250.5	165.7	232.5	190.8	246.1	217.9	169.9	238.5	218.2
January, 1948	217.7	235.2	166.0	231.1	194.3	289.4	193.5	155.6	217.0	185.3
1947 - February	200.3	222.0	159.8	211.6	189.2	228.6	219.5	208.3	220.8	220.6
March	215.9	254.8	185.5	212.9	202.7	260.7	262.4	248.4	259.8	263.2
April	222.8	279.4	188.5	233.8	190.1	259.4	257.4	273.0	294.2	269.2
May	228.6	264.9	215.3	244.1	203.8	246.9	327.7	323.7	329.0	312.9
June	240.3	266.3	214.6	248.1	212.4	300.7	315.9	336.0	303.9	315.9
July	262.5	305.7	241.4	266.3	243.1	285.7	329.3	270.8	326.4	370.2
August	246.7	271.5	210.9	246.0	243.1	277.7	305.0	224.6	278.2	379.2
September	275.0	301.0	266.3	265.2	260.5	333.8	278.9	210.4	259.8	356.4
October	318.4	361.4	303.0	344.4	267.3	370.0	278.0	222.7	255.7	330.4
November	282.3	324.1	277.1	295.2	248.7	317.9	262.6	268.4	250.9	279.2
December	227.1	261.8	219.8	251.2	174.5	282.8	243.0	220.5	237.0	257.2
1948 - January	217.7	235.2	166.0	231.1	194.2	289.4	193.5	145.6	217.0	185.3

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1945	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	224.5	214.0	235.9	203.7
January, 1946	228.5	176.5	239.9	195.0	259.2	255.0	236.0	257.4	246.7
January, 1947	268.3	209.9	276.8	249.6	293.7	280.8	259.8	285.2	269.6
January, 1948	302.4	207.0	320.5	296.3	322.8	298.8	285.5	304.3	281.5
1947 - February	293.6	227.8	256.7	280.3	315.8	246.0	229.4	259.2	232.5
March	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4
April	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	309.0	347.0	293.3	273.1
May	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	358.4	333.9	374.0	321.4
June	322.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	337.5	322.7	332.0	309.6	304.7
July	310.5	279.1	272.1	299.9	339.7	342.4	353.4	322.8	330.5
August	297.8	281.4	296.8	245.9	313.4	308.7	309.4	320.1	287.7
September	339.6	371.2	346.4	347.7	342.1	323.8	341.8	318.9	305.0
October	359.6	392.8	349.3	354.5	360.1	363.7	394.2	334.4	342.3
November	350.6	308.9	353.5	345.0	355.8	327.8	317.1	308.0	347.9
December	322.0	247.2	301.8	338.4	328.0	357.8	397.1	355.2	328.5
1948 - January	302.4	207.0	320.5	296.3	322.8	298.8	285.5	304.3	281.5



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WHOLESALE TRADE

February, 1948

Small Margin of Increase Over February, 1947

Dollar sales of wholesalers in Canada during February, 1948 were 3.5% higher than in February, 1947 and 2% below January, 1948, according to statements received from 397 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 239.5 for February, 1948, 231.4 for February, 1947, and 244.6 for January, 1948.

Quebec and British Columbia were the only provinces to register substantial increases. Slight gains of about 1% were registered in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, while in the Prairie Provinces, dollar volume of wholesalers' sales dropped 1.5% below February, 1947.

Dry Goods Wholesalers Show Greatest Gain Over 1947

Largest increases in dollar sales over February, 1947, were recorded by the dry goods and drugs trades. Increases in these trades amounted to 17% and 14% respectively compared with gains over a year ago of 14% and 11% recorded in January. Sales of wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery and of hardware were 9% and 7% above the volume for February last year, while wholesale grocers' sales were practically unchanged in dollar volume.

Four Trades Continue Below 1947

As in January, dollar sales of four of the nine trades were lower in February than in the corresponding month of 1947. Footwear wholesalers, with a drop of 10%, and fruits and vegetables dealers, with sales down 7%, registered the largest percentage decrease in dollar sales. Clothing wholesalers' sales were down 5%, while the automotive equipment trade, which had registered a decline of 7% in January, reported sales in February only 1% below February a year ago.

Stocks Up 17%

Stocks held by wholesalers at the end of February, 1948 were valued 17% higher than at the same date a year ago. All trades except fruits and vegetables and drugs reported a smaller increase over last year than was recorded in January when the overall gain was 19%. Increases were reported as follows: dry goods, 35%; automotive equipment, 31%; clothing, 29%; hardware, 22%; footwear, 22%; tobacco and confectionery, 16%; drugs, 8%; and groceries, 4%. Fruits and vegetable dealers' inventories were valued 4% lower than at the end of February, 1947.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	
	January, 1948 January, 1947	February, 1948 February, 1947	February, 1948 February, 1947
Automotive Equipment .....	- 7.4	- 1.4	+30.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-15.3	- 8.1	
Ontario .....	- 1.2	- 0.8	
Western Provinces .....	- 9.4	+ 1.3	
Drugs .....	+11.4	+14.0	+ 8.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+11.2	+12.1	
Western Provinces .....	+11.8	+19.1	
Clothing .....	- 6.8	- 4.9	+28.9
Quebec .....	- 0.2	- 0.9	
Ontario and Western Provinces.	- 9.5	- 6.7	
Footwear .....	- 9.4	- 9.8	+22.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 3.7	-12.8	
Ontario and Western Provinces.	-14.7	- 7.4	
Dry Goods .....	+14.3	+17.1	+35.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+22.2	+19.0	
Ontario .....	+ 9.0	+ 8.9	
Western Provinces .....	+10.0	+30.8	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-11.0	- 7.0	- 4.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 7.8	+ 0.7	
Ontario .....	- 9.0	- 6.8	
Western Provinces .....	-15.1	-11.6	
Groceries .....	+ 1.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
Maritimes .....	- 6.1	+ 2.0	
Quebec .....	- 4.2	+ 9.2	
Ontario .....	- 0.6	- 5.2	
Prairies .....	+ 1.6	- 4.2	
British Columbia .....	+17.6	+14.2	
Hardware .....	+12.0	+ 7.0	+22.4
Maritimes .....	- 0.5	+10.1	
Quebec .....	+13.8	+15.5	
Ontario .....	+17.0	+10.3	
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.8	+ 1.4	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 6.6	+ 9.4	+16.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 9.8	+17.5	
Ontario .....	+ 7.1	+11.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.5	+ 4.0	
Wholesale Trade -			
Maritimes .....	- 6.3	+ 0.5	
Quebec .....	+ 5.6	+11.1	
Ontario .....	+ 2.8	+ 1.4	
Prairies .....	- 2.0	- 1.5	
British Columbia .....	+16.3	+10.5	
CANADA .....	+ 2.9	+ 3.5	+16.6

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.



(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February, 1945	178.3	187.4	170.6	181.4	167.6	197.0	210.2	255.8	167.3	233.1
February, 1946	210.2	201.1	197.6	211.9	204.1	242.5	310.9	354.0	263.7	339.2
February, 1947	231.4	219.0	218.9	239.2	220.2	260.4	337.3	428.7	321.2	318.5
February, 1948	239.5	220.1	243.2	242.5	216.9	287.7	332.6	394.0	318.6	322.6
1947 - March	256.7	257.8	251.0	250.2	252.1	293.6	314.7	373.0	297.3	372.6
April	268.8	293.2	257.6	273.7	251.5	305.9	360.2	411.5	307.0	396.8
May	280.6	297.4	262.5	293.8	267.7	311.9	350.5	457.2	303.5	372.9
June	268.3	272.1	245.0	273.0	250.6	330.1	369.4	414.0	337.8	390.8
July	277.6	301.5	241.9	280.2	282.5	323.0	351.4	408.7	366.3	316.3
August	272.7	277.7	238.0	266.4	287.7	306.8	379.7	455.2	332.1	382.7
September	301.7	317.5	292.9	297.1	301.6	330.6	483.7	491.9	467.0	475.7
October	325.2	361.6	319.9	328.0	296.6	372.6	427.9	498.5	423.0	372.4
November	295.0	317.7	289.1	292.4	281.1	345.6	413.5	461.2	376.8	429.9
December	251.3	258.1	241.2	267.3	207.8	323.2	284.1	415.9	309.5	243.6
1948 - January	244.6	220.7	218.0	259.7	227.1	315.2	319.8	289.9	349.9	316.6
February	239.5	220.1	243.2	242.5	216.9	287.7	332.6	394.0	318.6	322.6

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
February, 1945	202.6	200.4	211.6	209.6	215.6	173.1	171.8	180.6	162.9	
February, 1946	227.7	223.0	244.8	233.7	238.2	188.7	196.5	191.8	167.6	
February, 1947	220.6	216.3	236.7	277.2	297.8	229.3	224.0	272.0	177.3	
February, 1948	251.5	242.5	281.9	263.6	268.6	268.5	266.6	296.2	231.9	
1947 - March	223.4	218.9	236.3	266.0	300.2	266.0	260.1	294.1	261.6	
April	248.8	240.5	266.4	249.4	294.2	282.0	291.8	294.0	239.2	
May	266.7	266.4	265.8	248.3	265.0	270.8	264.3	287.5	257.1	
June	230.8	221.3	254.4	210.9	247.5	212.5	229.0	211.5	180.7	
July	256.2	248.1	278.5	196.9	216.3	182.0	147.3	200.2	229.4	
August	241.6	229.0	275.3	263.8	334.8	237.5	197.5	276.2	256.2	
September	273.9	285.2	246.7	261.7	378.1	303.9	301.0	313.5	288.7	
October	313.4	313.2	310.8	295.3	427.6	279.9	267.1	300.7	281.3	
November	278.0	272.6	293.9	280.5	280.6	262.9	249.1	294.8	272.1	
December	238.2	243.1	224.5	186.4	293.7	191.6	154.7	248.6	169.5	
1948 - January	284.3	274.2	311.7	274.7	252.5	252.4	233.3	280.0	255.3	
February	251.5	242.5	281.9	263.6	268.6	268.5	266.6	296.2	231.9	

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(Average, 1935 = 1939 = 100)

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	Canada	Maritime	Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	Maritime & Quebec	Canada	Maritime	Quebec	Ontario	Provinces
February, 1946	155.9	187.0	120.1	166.1	100.0	100.0	155.9	187.0	120.1	166.1	100.0
February, 1946	173.7	195.6	150.0	176.2	161.3	203.0	241.2	225.2	245.9	240.6	240.6
February, 1947	200.3	222.0	159.8	211.6	189.2	228.6	219.5	208.3	220.8	220.6	220.6
February, 1948	200.9	226.4	174.5	200.6	181.3	261.1	204.1	209.8	205.8	195.0	195.0
1947 - March	215.9	254.2	181.3	217.3	100.0	260.7	252.4	248.2	259.8	251.2	251.2
April	222.8	279.4	188.5	233.8	190.1	259.4	257.4	273.0	294.2	269.2	269.2
May	226.6	284.0	196.1	241.1	200.0	240.6	247.7	311.1	313.5	312.5	312.5
June	240.2	261.3	200.0	247.1	211.1	200.1	216.9	236.0	310.5	318.3	318.3
July	262.5	305.7	241.4	266.3	243.1	285.7	329.6	270.8	326.4	370.2	370.2
August	240.7	275.0	200.0	245.0	200.0	279.1	210.1	224.5	212.1	278.2	278.2
September	275.0	301.0	266.3	265.2	260.5	333.8	278.9	210.4	259.8	356.4	356.4
October	318.4	361.4	303.0	344.4	267.3	370.0	278.0	222.7	255.7	330.4	330.4
November	282.3	324.1	277.1	295.2	248.7	317.9	262.6	268.4	250.9	279.2	279.2
December	227.1	261.8	219.8	251.2	174.5	282.8	243.0	220.5	237.0	257.2	257.2
1948 - January	216.0	235.2	156.8	231.1	193.9	289.4	193.9	156.6	217.0	185.3	185.3
February	200.9	250.1	174.5	200.5	181.1	281.1	204.1	209.5	205.5	195.0	195.0

## TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

## HARDWARE

Year and Month	Canada	Maritime	Quebec	Ontario	Provinces	Maritime & Quebec	Canada	Maritime	Quebec	Ontario	Provinces
February, 1946	188.3	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.0	212.0	212.0	200.5	221.5	200.9	200.9
February, 1946	257.8	193.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	228.8	228.8	195.7	244.3	221.4	221.4
February, 1947	293.6	227.8	256.7	280.3	315.8	246.0	246.0	229.4	259.2	232.5	232.5
February, 1948	314.2	250.8	296.5	309.2	320.2	269.1	269.1	269.5	288.7	241.8	241.8
1947 - March	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4	271.4
April	348.5	341.5	301.9	333.8	378.4	309.0	309.0	347.0	293.3	273.1	273.1
May	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	358.4	358.4	333.9	374.0	321.4	321.4
June	322.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	337.5	322.7	322.7	332.0	309.6	304.7	304.7
July	310.5	279.1	272.1	299.9	339.7	342.4	342.4	353.4	322.8	330.5	330.5
August	297.8	281.4	296.8	245.9	313.4	308.7	308.7	309.4	320.1	287.7	287.7
September	339.6	371.2	346.4	347.7	342.1	323.8	323.8	341.8	318.9	305.0	305.0
October	359.6	393.8	349.9	354.5	360.1	363.7	363.7	394.2	334.4	342.3	342.3
November	350.6	308.9	352.5	345.0	355.8	327.8	327.8	317.1	306.0	347.9	347.9
December	322.0	247.2	301.8	338.4	328.0	357.8	357.8	397.1	355.2	328.5	328.5
1948 - January	300.5	208.9	315.0	292.0	322.5	299.3	299.3	285.3	305.4	281.7	281.7
February	314.2	250.8	296.5	309.2	320.2	269.1	269.1	269.5	288.7	241.8	241.8



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MARCH 1948

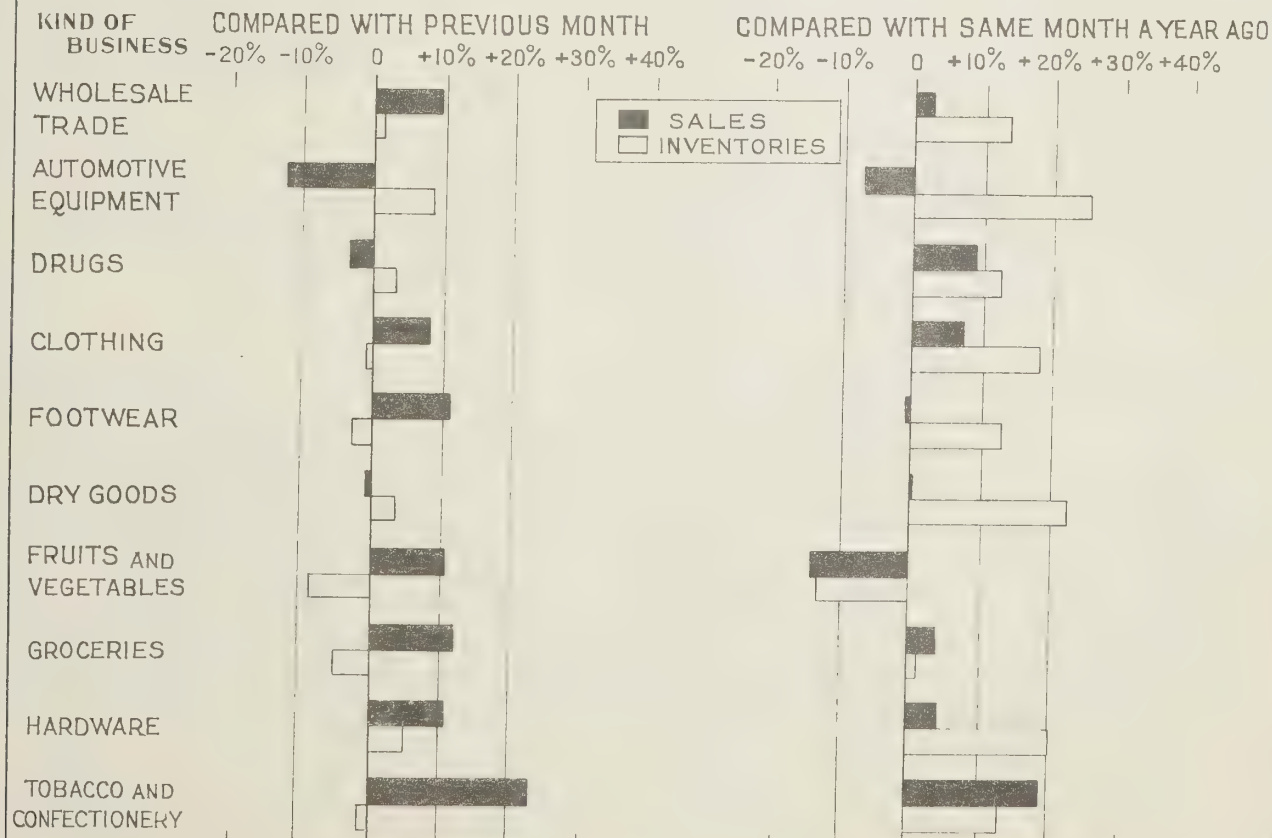
## Increase in Sales Over 1947 Steady at 3%

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada during March, 1948 was 3% above that for March, 1947, and 10% in excess of the volume recorded for February, 1948. These figures are based on statements submitted by 399 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the first three months of 1948 were 3% higher than in the corresponding period a year ago. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 263.6 for March, 1948, 256.7 for March, 1947, and 240.0 for February, 1947.

With the exception of the Prairie Provinces, increases in dollar sales in the various regions of the country were fairly uniform, ranging between 4.3% and 6.4%. Sales in the Prairie Provinces were 5% below the dollar volume for March, 1947.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

MARCH 1948



### Tobacco and confectionery increase leads sales increases

Sales of tobacco and confectionery wholesalers, with a gain of 19%, registered the largest increase in dollar volume of sales over March a year ago. This increase was partly a result of Easter falling in March this year. Drug wholesalers' sales were 9% in excess of those in March, 1947, with cumulative sales for the first quarter of 1948 being 11% higher than in the corresponding period last year.

Dollar volume in the wholesale clothing trade showed an increase over the same month a year ago for the first time in several months. Despite the March increase of 7% the cumulative sales for the year to date were 2% below last year's level.

Hardware and dry goods wholesalers, whose sales have been maintained at a fairly high volume compared with a year ago, reported a falling off of the margin of increase in March. Hardware wholesalers' sales were 5% in excess of those in March, 1947, bringing the cumulative increase for the year to date to 8%. Sales of dry goods wholesalers showed practically no increase in volume compared with March a year ago, with sales for the year to date 10% above the volume for the first three months of 1947. Grocery wholesalers' sales were 4% higher than in March last year compared with a cumulative gain for the year to date of 2%.

### March Sales in Several Trades below 1947 levels

Sales of footwear, automotive equipment and fruits and vegetables wholesalers continued below last year's volume although in the first two trades, the trend varied according to regions. Sales of footwear wholesalers were down 16% in the Maritimes and Quebec combined and up 13% in Ontario and the western Provinces combined, bringing the Canada sales to less than one per cent below last year's volume. Wholesalers of automotive equipment in Canada had sales 7% below March, 1947. Ontario registered a gain of 12%, while a decrease of 8% was recorded for the Maritimes and Quebec combined and a drop of 19% for the Western Provinces. Dealers in fruits and vegetables continued to report sales well below the 1947 level, with a decrease in March of 14%. A drop in sales for this trade was recorded in all regions.

### Inventories generally above March, 1947

Wholesalers' inventories generally were valued substantially higher at the end of March, 1948 than at the same date a year ago averaging an increase of 14% for the nine trades included in the survey. Increases in value of stocks held by wholesalers of automotive equipment dry goods, hardware and clothing ranged between 25% and 19%. An increase of 13% was reported by wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, footwear, and drugs, while grocers registered a gain of only 1%. Stocks held by wholesalers of fruits and vegetables were 13% lower in dollar value than those on hand at the same date last year.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	February, 1948	March, 1948	March, 1948	Jan.-to- Mar., 1948	
	February, 1947	March, 1947	Feb., 1948	Jan.-to- Mar., 1947	March, 1948 March, 1947
Automotive Equipment .....	- 1.2	- 7.1	-12.5	- 5.2	+25.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 8.8	- 8.1	-12.3		
Ontario .....	+ 0.6	+12.4	+ 3.4		
Western Provinces .....	+ 1.3	-18.7	- 6.1		
Drugs .....	+13.9	+ 9.0	- 3.1	+11.4	+12.8
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+12.0	+ 8.0	- 2.4		
Western Provinces .....	+19.1	+11.6	- 6.5		
Clothing .....	- 4.7	+ 7.3	+ 8.0	- 1.6	+18.5
Quebec .....	- 0.4	+24.8			
Ont. and Western Provinces	- 6.7	- 0.7			
Footwear .....	- 9.6	- 0.5	+11.0	- 6.4	+13.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-12.1	-15.5			
Ont. and Western Provinces	- 7.6	+12.9			
Dry Goods .....	+16.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6	+ 9.8	+22.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+17.9	+ 3.3	+ 1.7		
Ontario .....	+ 8.9	- 3.9	- 4.6		
Western Provinces .....	+30.7	+ 1.0	+14.0		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 6.9	-13.9	+10.5	-10.8	-13.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 0.7	-15.1	+ 0.5		
Ontario .....	- 6.8	- 9.0	+14.9		
Western Provinces .....	-11.5	-18.1	+10.5		
Groceries .....	+ 0.4	+ 4.2	+11.9	+ 2.0	+ 1.4
Maritimes .....	+ 2.0	+ 6.8	+20.2		
Quebec .....	+ 8.4	- 2.6	+ 4.4		
Ontario .....	- 5.2	+ 6.3	+12.8		
Prairies .....	- 4.1	- 1.7	+ 9.9		
British Columbia .....	+14.2	+13.4	+13.2		
Hardware .....	+ 7.4	+ 4.6	+10.8	+ 7.7	+20.5
Maritimes .....	+10.1	+10.5	+31.2		
Quebec .....	+16.5	+13.3	+15.0		
Ontario .....	+10.4	+12.8	+14.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 1.4	- 3.4	+ 5.8		
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+ 9.6	+19.1	+22.8	+11.8	+13.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+17.2	+32.6	+43.4		
Ontario .....	+11.3	+21.1	+10.3		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.2	+11.1	+24.4		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 0.4	+ 4.5	+22.5		
Quebec .....	+11.1	+ 4.3	+ 7.6		
Ontario .....	+ 1.5	+ 6.2	+ 9.4		
Prairies .....	- 1.3	- 4.9	+10.3		
British Columbia .....	+10.5	+ 6.4	+ 8.6		
CANADA .....	+ 3.7	+ 2.7	+ 9.8	+ 3.1	+13.7

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.

**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1945	201.4	213.6	195.2	208.7	181.0	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.5	263.5
March, 1946	234.2	234.8	224.3	237.4	230.2	250.9	338.3	339.1	318.3	360.7
March, 1947	256.7	257.8	251.0	250.2	252.1	293.6	314.7	373.0	297.3	372.6
February, 1948	240.0	219.9	243.2	242.8	217.3	287.7	333.3	391.0	323.1	322.6
March, 1948	263.6	269.4	261.8	263.7	239.7	312.4	292.4	343.8	334.2	302.9
Year and Month	DRUGS		CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario	Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont. Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
March, 1945	209.4	206.0	218.9	223.3	226.0	186.2	182.3	183.7	183.7	205.7
March, 1946	228.9	224.3	242.1	235.6	290.0	192.3	193.8	194.8	194.8	204.5
March, 1947	223.4	218.9	236.3	266.0	300.2	266.0	260.1	294.1	294.1	261.6
February, 1948	251.3	242.2	281.9	264.2	269.2	267.2	264.1	296.2	296.2	231.7
March, 1948	243.5	236.4	263.7	285.4	298.7	266.3	282.7	282.6	282.6	264.2
Year and Month	GROCERIES					CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario	Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies		British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario
March, 1945	170.5	215.8	143.7	175.8	153.9	192.5	238.6	241.0	244.4	220.3
March, 1946	187.6	227.9	163.1	190.9	173.4	209.2	297.5	261.7	321.1	284.2
March, 1947	215.9	254.8	185.6	212.9	202.7	260.7	262.4	248.4	259.8	263.2
February, 1948	201.1	226.4	173.2	200.6	181.4	261.1	204.4	209.8	205.8	195.2
March, 1948	225.0	272.1	180.8	226.3	199.3	295.6	225.9	210.9	236.4	215.6
Year and Month	HARDWARE					CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec		Ontario	Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March, 1945	217.8	195.1	204.9	196.2	229.2	249.3	265.8	246.7	229.7	
March, 1946	283.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	271.7	275.3	260.5	265.8	
March, 1947	334.0	297.8	303.5	314.4	350.7	277.9	290.8	262.8	271.4	
February, 1948	315.3	250.8	299.1	309.5	320.2	269.6	268.9	288.5	242.3	
March, 1948	349.4	329.1	343.9	354.6	338.8	331.0	385.6	318.3	301.5	



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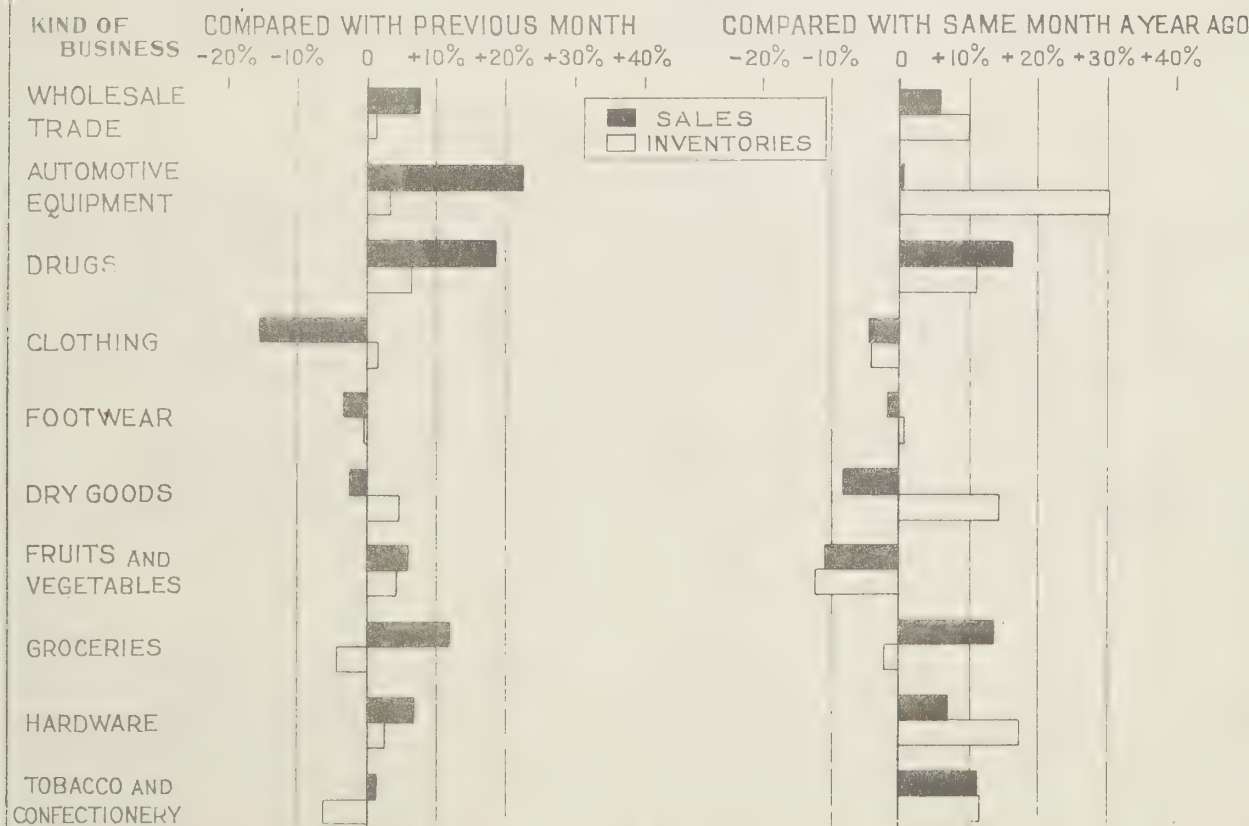
April, 1948 Sales 6% Above 1947

Wholesale sales in April, 1948 were 6% higher in dollar volume than in April, 1947 and were 8% above the volume for March, 1948, according to statements received from 395 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Cumulative dollar sales for the first four months of 1948 were 4% in excess of the dollar volume reported for the corresponding period a year ago. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 284.4 for April, 1948, 268.8 for April, 1947, and 264.4 for March, 1948.

Wholesale sales in the Prairie Provinces continued below last year's level by 2% but all other regions of the country registered advances. A gain of 2% was recorded for the Maritime Provinces, sales in both Ontario and Quebec were 8.5% above April last year, while in British Columbia, the dollar volume of wholesale sales was 13% in excess of that recorded for April last year.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

APRIL 1948



Grocery sales up 14%.

Drug wholesalers and grocery wholesalers reported a greater increase over 1947 than in any month since the beginning of the year. Drug sales were up 16%, while grocers' sales were 14% in excess of the April, 1947 volume. Cumulative sales of grocery wholesalers for the year to date were only 5% above the volume for the corresponding period of 1947.

Tobacco and confectionery and hardware wholesalers were the only other trades which showed an increase in dollar volume of sales over last year. Gains of 11% and 7% respectively were recorded by these trades compared with cumulative gains for the first four months of 13% and 8%.

Wholesalers of automotive equipment (including parts, accessories, tires and tubes) reported sales practically the same as in April, 1947.

Sales down in Dry Goods and Apparel Trades.

Footwear wholesalers and fruit and vegetable dealers, whose sales have been below 1947 volumes for several months, continued to record sales volumes lower than last year. Footwear wholesalers' sales were down 1% while fruit and vegetable dealers' sales dropped 11%.

Clothing sales, which showed an increase over 1947 for the first time this year in March, again dropped below last year in April by 5%. Sales in the wholesale dry goods trade registered a decrease of 8% from April, 1947. Cumulative sales of dry goods wholesalers for the first four months of 1948 were 5% higher in dollar volume than in the corresponding period of 1947.

Stocks show smaller gains than in previous months.

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers at the end of April, 1948 were valued 10% higher than those on hand at the same date last year and were 1% above the value at the end of March, 1948. Automotive equipment dealers recorded the largest increase in value of stocks on hand with a gain of 30%. Hardware, dry goods, tobacco and confectionery, and drug wholesalers had inventories valued between 17% and 11% higher than at April 30, 1947.

Fruit and vegetable dealers' inventories were valued 12% lower than last year, while clothing and grocery wholesalers' stocks dropped to 4% and 2% respectively below the value of inventories at the same date a year ago.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				
	SALES			INVENTORY	
	(1)	(2)			
	March, 1948 March, 1947	April, 1948 April, 1947	April, 1948 March, 1948	Jan.-to- Apr., 1948 Jan.-to- Apr., 1947	April, 1948 April, 1947
Automotive Equipment .....	- 6.1	+ 0.3	+22.3	- 3.5	+30.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 5.0	- 0.2	+15.9		
Ontario .....	+11.6	+17.0	+ 8.3		
Western Provinces .....	-18.0	-11.4	+15.1		
Drugs .....	+ 9.1	+16.2	+18.6	+12.7	+11.2
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+ 7.8	+16.3	+18.5		
Western Provinces .....	+12.3	+15.8	+16.2		
Clothing .....	+ 5.6	- 4.7	-15.4	- 2.7	- 4.1
Quebec .....	+25.7	+ 0.1			
Ontario & Western Prov....	- 3.3	- 8.3			
Footwear .....	- 0.5	- 1.8	- 3.3	- 5.3	+ 0.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-15.5	(X)			
Ont. and Western Provinces	+12.9	- 3.2			
Dry Goods .....	+ 0.1	- 8.1	- 2.7	+ 4.8	+14.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.3	- 8.6	- 0.7		
Ontario .....	- 3.9	- 7.3	- 3.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 0.9	- 8.5	-17.1		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-17.2	-10.6	+ 5.9	-11.6	-12.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-15.1	- 7.3	+20.0		
Ontario .....	- 8.7	- 2.4	+21.0		
Western Provinces .....	-27.4	-20.7	+11.7		
Groceries .....	+ 4.9	+13.8	+11.9	+ 5.2	- 2.0
Maritimes .....	+ 6.8	+ 4.7	+ 7.5		
Quebec .....	+ 4.5	+23.6	+20.1		
Ontario .....	+ 6.3	+ 9.5	+13.1		
Prairies .....	- 1.8	+14.2	+ 9.0		
British Columbia .....	+13.4	+23.9	+ 8.7		
Hardware .....	+ 4.8	+ 7.2	+ 6.7	+ 7.6	+17.4
Maritimes .....	+10.6	+16.9	+21.0		
Quebec .....	+13.3	+16.5	+ 2.3		
Ontario .....	+12.8	+16.2	+ 9.4		
Western Provinces .....	- 3.1	- 1.2	+10.0		
Tobacco and Confectionery ,	+22.1	+11.4	+ 1.4	+12.5	+11.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+32.6	+15.1	+ 3.6		
Ontario .....	+18.5	+15.6	+ 8.9		
Western Provinces .....	+21.2	+ 5.9	-12.1		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 4.6	+ 2.0	+10.9		
Quebec .....	+ 5.8	+ 8.5	+ 5.2		
Ontario .....	+ 6.0	+ 8.5	+12.0		
Prairies .....	- 4.9	- 2.0	+ 2.8		
British Columbia .....	+ 6.5	+12.8	+10.4		
CANADA .....	+ 3.0	+ 5.8	+ 7.6	+ 3.9	+10.0

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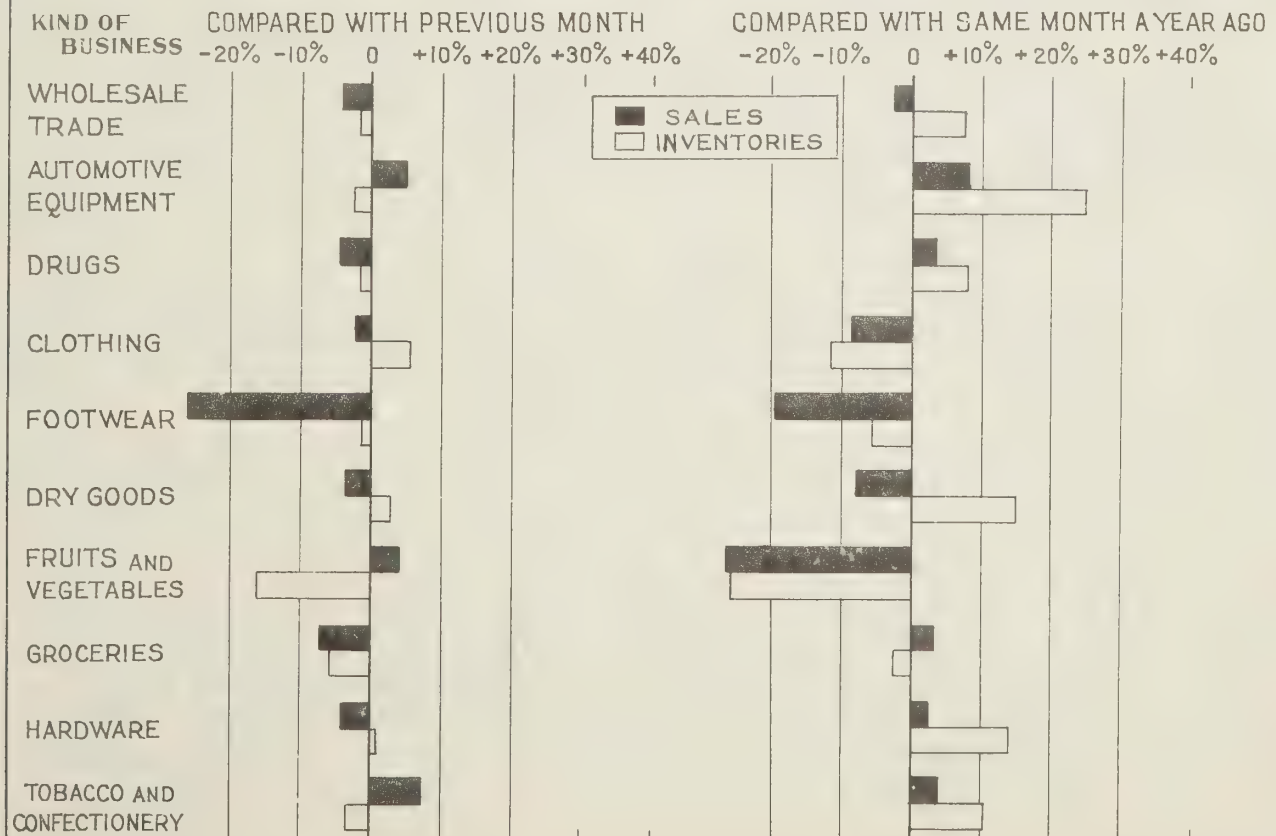
Sales in May, 1948 3% Below 1947

Dollar sales of wholesalers in May, 1948 dropped 3% below the May, 1947 level and were 4% lower than the volume of sales in April, 1948 according to reports submitted by 387 wholesalers in nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the first five months of 1948 were 2.5% above the sales volume for the corresponding period of 1947. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 273.3 for May, 1948, 280.6 for May, 1947, and 285.2 for April, 1948.

The Maritime Provinces and British Columbia, with increases of 3% and 4% respectively, were the only regions to record advances in sales volume over May, 1947. Sales in Ontario and in the Prairie Provinces were 4% below May last year, while a drop of 5% was registered in Quebec.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

MAY 1948





### 8% Gain in Automotive Equipment Sales

An increase of 8% in dollar volume of sales, reported by wholesalers of automotive equipment (including parts, accessories, tires and tubes), was the largest gain to be recorded for any of the nine trades surveyed. Four other trades, hardware, groceries, drugs, and tobacco and confectionery had sales between 2% and 4% above the May, 1947 volume. In all cases except the automotive equipment trade the May gains were less than those for the year to date.

### Decreases More Substantial

Sales in the dry goods and apparel trades continued lower than last year. Dry goods wholesalers' sales were 8% below the dollar volume in May a year ago, clothing sales were down 9%, while footwear wholesalers registered a drop of 19%. Sales of wholesale dealers in fruits and vegetables dropped 26% below May, 1947. The May decline throughout was greater than the decrease in sales for the first five months compared with the corresponding period of 1947.

### Stocks Valued 7% Higher

Wholesalers' inventories at the end of May, 1948 were valued 7% higher than at May 31, 1947 but were 2% lower than at the beginning of the month. Automotive equipment dealers' inventories were valued 25% higher at the end of May this year than at the same date a year ago. Stocks on hand in the dry goods trade were 15% higher and in the hardware trade, 14%. A gain of 10% in value of inventories was recorded by tobacco and confectionery wholesalers, while stocks in the hands of drug wholesalers increased 8% in dollar value.

Grocery wholesalers' inventories were valued 3% lower than at May 31st last year. Footwear and clothing wholesalers' stocks dropped 6% and 12% respectively, while fruit and vegetable dealers' inventories were 26% lower in dollar value than a year ago.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	Sales				
	(1)	(2)	May,	Jan.-to-	
	April, 1948 April, 1947	May, 1948 May, 1947	1948 April, 1948	May, 1948 Jan.-to- May, 1947	
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 2.0	+ 8.0	+ 4.9	- 1.2	+24.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 0.2	+17.1	+29.9		
Ontario .....	+20.3	+ 7.2	-11.9		
Western Provinces .....	-11.0	+ 5.1	+11.0		
Drugs .....	+16.1	+ 3.3	- 4.6	+10.6	+ 8.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+16.2	+ 0.2	- 4.5		
Western Provinces .....	+15.8	+13.6	- 2.1		
Clothing .....	- 6.9	- 8.5	- 2.2	- 4.2	-11.5
Quebec .....	+ 0.1	- 4.7			
Ontario & Western Prov. ..	-11.1	-11.6			
Footwear .....	- 1.8	-19.3	-26.0	- 7.8	- 5.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	(x)	-26.3			
Ont. and Western Provinces	- 3.2	-13.1			
Dry Goods .....	- 8.1	- 7.8	- 3.7	+ 2.1	+14.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 8.7	- 6.7	- 7.4		
Ontario .....	- 7.3	- 9.0	- 4.0		
Western Provinces .....	- 8.5	- 7.9	+ 8.2		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 9.9	-26.3	+ 4.1	-15.2	-25.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 6.5	-30.1	-11.4		
Ontario .....	- 2.8	-22.9	-11.3		
Western Provinces .....	-19.2	-27.3	+ 4.6		
Groceries .....	+13.8	+ 3.1	- 7.0	+ 4.8	- 2.5
Maritimes .....	+ 4.7	+ 7.4	- 2.7		
Quebec .....	+21.6	- 3.1	- 9.0		
Ontario .....	+ 9.5	- 2.3	- 6.8		
Prairies .....	+14.2	+ 8.6	+ 1.9		
British Columbia .....	+23.9	+ 8.8	-16.4		
Hardware .....	+ 7.8	+ 2.3	- 4.1	+ 6.6	+13.9
Maritimes .....	+18.8	+ 3.9	-13.1		
Quebec .....	+18.0	+ 9.5	- 9.1		
Ontario .....	+16.2	+ 3.2	- 3.8		
Western Provinces .....	- 1.2	- 2.5	+ 1.0		
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+12.3	+ 3.7	+ 7.1	+10.5	+10.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.1	+ 4.2	-15.1		
Ontario .....	+15.8	+ 7.9	+18.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.1	- 0.3	+10.6		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 2.3	+ 3.3	+ 2.4		
Quebec .....	+ 9.5	- 4.8	-11.4		
Ontario .....	+ 8.4	- 3.7	- 4.7		
Prairies .....	- 1.9	- 4.1	+ 4.1		
British Columbia .....	+12.6	+ 3.5	- 6.3		
CANADA .....	+ 6.1	- 2.6	- 4.2	+ 2.5	+ 7.4

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**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1945	205.9	253.5	187.1	215.4	193.2	214.9	243.5	296.9	168.5	237.9
May, 1946	259.8	287.6	225.5	272.3	260.2	286.7	350.1	433.8	265.1	413.9
May, 1947	280.6	297.4	262.5	293.8	267.7	311.9	350.5	457.2	303.5	372.9
April, 1948	285.2	299.9	282.1	296.7	246.7	344.4	360.9	412.3	369.3	353.2
May, 1948	273.3	307.2	249.3	282.9	256.7	322.8	378.5	535.4	325.4	391.9

Year and Month	DRUGS					CLOTHING FOOTWEAR					DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1945	222.0	225.0	212.9	148.7	148.7	148.7	148.7	150.3	150.3	136.4	150.3	150.3	136.4
May, 1946	253.5	252.0	253.1	199.5	199.5	199.5	199.5	189.7	189.7	192.9	189.7	189.7	192.9
May, 1947	266.7	266.4	265.8	248.3	248.3	248.3	248.3	264.3	264.3	257.1	264.3	264.3	257.1
April, 1948	288.9	279.5	308.5	232.2	232.2	232.2	232.2	266.4	266.4	218.9	266.4	266.4	218.9
May, 1948	275.5	266.9	301.9	227.2	227.2	227.2	227.2	249.7	249.7	236.8	249.7	249.7	236.8

Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1945	187.4	236.5	169.3	197.8	171.1	192.0	272.2	275.9	272.6	252.4
May, 1946	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	337.1	307.1	342.7	332.9
May, 1947	228.6	264.9	215.3	244.1	203.8	246.9	327.7	323.7	329.0	312.9
April, 1948	253.5	292.5	229.2	256.0	217.1	321.4	231.9	255.3	286.0	217.5
May, 1948	235.7	284.5	208.6	238.5	221.3	268.6	241.5	226.3	253.7	227.5

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May, 1945	205.4	200.0	187.9	192.4	227.5	286.4	275.6	308.9	244.7
May, 1946	300.1	297.6	243.5	309.2	337.2	339.1	297.9	361.4	306.4
May, 1947	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	358.4	333.9	374.0	321.4
April, 1948	375.7	405.1	356.2	387.9	377.6	347.0	409.8	339.6	289.8
May, 1948	360.4	351.9	323.7	373.1	381.4	371.7	347.9	403.5	320.4



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# WHOLESALE TRADE

JUNE 1948

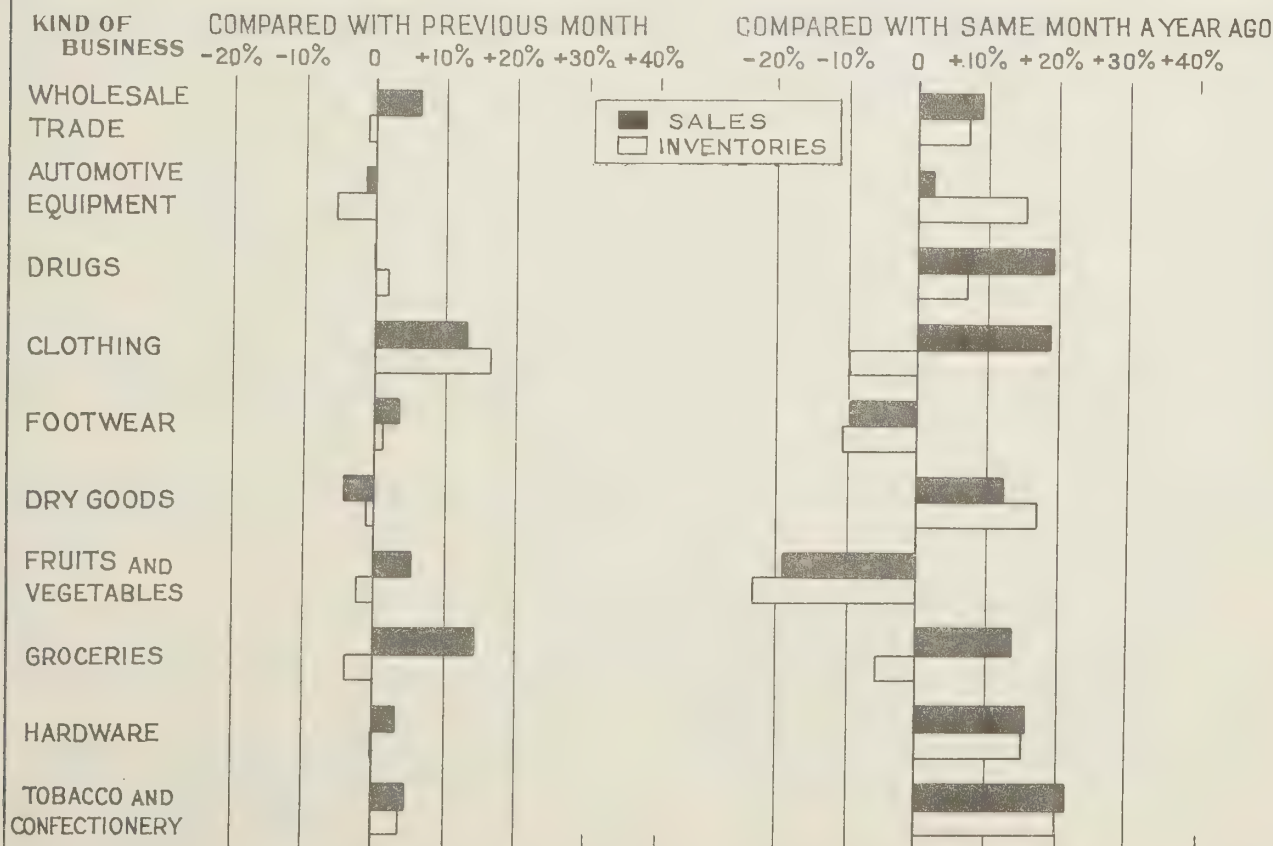
## Wholesalers' Sales Up Again in June

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in June recovered from the slight decline which occurred in May to register an increase of 9% over the month of June, 1947, and a gain of 6% over May, 1948. These figures are based on statements submitted by 381 wholesalers in nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the first six months of 1948 were 4% above those for the first half of 1947. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935 - 1939 = 100) stood at 291.1 for June, 1948, 267.3 for June, 1947, and 273.9 for May, 1948.

Sales in all regions of the country were higher than in June a year ago, with the greatest increase, 17%, being recorded for the Maritime Provinces. Wholesalers in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces reported sales up 11% and 10% respectively from June, 1947, while a gain of 4% was recorded for Quebec and for British Columbia.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

JUNE 1948



Sales Up in Seven of Nine Trades.

Substantial increases in sales volume over June, 1947 were recorded for six of the nine trades surveyed. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers registered an advance of 21%, while drug and clothing wholesalers followed closely with gains of 19%. Hardware wholesalers' sales were up 16%; grocers, 14%; and dry goods; 12%.

Sales of automotive equipment wholesalers showed an increase of 2% over June a year ago.

Footwear wholesalers' sales continued lower than last year by 10% in June as did fruit and vegetable dealers' sales which were down 19%.

Inventories Down in Four Trades.

Total stocks in the hands of wholesalers in the nine lines of trade surveyed were valued 7% higher at the end of June, 1948 than at the same date a year ago, but were 1% lower than at the beginning of June this year.

Five of the nine trades reported increases over 1947 in value of inventories, stocks held by hardware, automotive equipment, dry goods and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers ranging between 15 and 20% higher in value than at June 30 last year. Drug wholesalers reported an increase of 7% in value of stocks on hand.

Inventories of grocery, clothing, footwear, and fruits and vegetable wholesalers were 7%, 10%, 11%, and 23% respectively below the value at the same date last year.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	S a l e s				
	(1)	(2)			
	May, 1948 May, 1947	June, 1948 June, 1947	June, 1948 May, 1948	Jan.-to- June 1948 Jan.-to- June 1947	
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 8.1	+ 2.0	- 1.4	- 0.7	+15.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.2	- 9.0	-30.0		
Ontario .....	+ 6.6	+ 5.5	+10.1		
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.2	+ 4.1	+ 3.7		
Drugs .....	+ 3.4	+19.3	- 0.2	+12.0	+ 7.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+ 0.4	+16.8	- 3.4		
Western Provinces .....	+13.6	+27.6	+ 7.8		
Clothing .....	-10.2	+19.0	+13.0	- 1.3	-10.0
Quebec .....	- 9.4	+23.1			
Ontario & Western Prov....	-10.9	+16.6			
Footwear .....	-18.7	- 9.8	+ 3.6	- 8.0	-10.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-24.3	-13.5			
Ont. and Western Provinces	-13.1	- 6.3			
Dry Goods .....	- 8.1	+12.1	- 4.1	+ 3.5	+17.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 7.6	+ 8.2	+ 2.1		
Ontario .....	- 9.0	+13.1	- 8.6		
Western Provinces .....	- 7.9	+18.1	- 9.9		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-26.0	-19.3	+ 5.4	-16.0	-23.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-29.4	-30.2	+ 1.9		
Ontario .....	-22.8	- 8.0	+11.1		
Western Provinces .....	-27.2	-24.7	+ 4.4		
Groceries .....	+ 4.0	+13.8	+14.3	+ 6.6	- 6.8
Maritimes .....	+ 7.4	+25.4	+12.1		
Quebec .....	- 3.1	+ 4.8	+ 7.1		
Ontario .....	- 0.4	+11.8	+14.1		
Prairies .....	+ 9.3	+16.6	+11.4		
British Columbia .....	+ 8.8	+10.3	+23.5		
Hardware .....	+ 2.5	+15.7	+ 3.2	+ 8.2	+15.3
Maritimes .....	+ 3.9	+11.0	- 1.1		
Quebec .....	+ 9.5	+24.7	+13.4		
Ontario .....	+ 3.3	+18.1	+ 9.2		
Western Provinces .....	- 1.6	+10.7	- 2.9		
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+ 4.2	+21.2	+ 4.6	+12.6	+19.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.2	+20.4	+14.8		
Ontario .....	+ 7.2	+20.4	- 7.2		
Western Provinces.....	+ 1.2	+22.4	+14.8		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 2.4	+17.1	+ 2.3		
Quebec .....	- 4.8	+ 4.2	+ 2.2		
Ontario .....	- 3.0	+10.7	+ 6.1		
Prairies .....	- 3.4	+10.3	+ 7.0		
British Columbia .....	+ 3.6	+ 3.8	+ 6.0		
CANADA .....	- 2.2	+ 8.9	+ 6.3	+ 3.7	+ 7.1

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(2) Preliminary.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	RETAIL TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1945	206.9	250.5	124	310.5	134	230.7	332	304.1	184.5	263.1
June, 1946	241.5	258.9	206.4	243.3	243.8	279.5	341.7	380.2	292.0	383.9
June, 1947	267.3	265.9	245.4	272.0	250.6	330.1	370.1	415.6	338.4	390.8
May, 1948	273.9	304.5	250.3	283.9	258.4	323.1	383.0	540.4	324.2	392.3
June, 1948	281.1	311.1	255.7	311.1	276.4	351.5	390.5	371.2	307.0	405.8

Year and Month	CLOTHING						DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1945	206.9	250.5	124	310.5	134	230.7	332	304.1	184.5	263.1
June, 1946	241.5	258.9	206.4	243.3	243.8	279.5	341.7	380.2	292.0	383.9
June, 1947	267.3	265.9	245.4	272.0	250.6	330.1	370.1	415.6	338.4	390.8
May, 1948	273.9	304.5	250.3	283.9	258.4	323.1	383.0	540.4	324.2	392.3
June, 1948	281.1	311.1	255.7	311.1	276.4	351.5	390.5	371.2	307.0	405.8

Year and Month	FOOTWEAR						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1945	206.9	250.5	124	310.5	134	230.7	332	304.1	184.5	263.1
June, 1946	241.5	258.9	206.4	243.3	243.8	279.5	341.7	380.2	292.0	383.9
June, 1947	267.3	265.9	245.4	272.0	250.6	330.1	370.1	415.6	338.4	390.8
May, 1948	273.9	304.5	250.3	283.9	258.4	323.1	383.0	540.4	324.2	392.3
June, 1948	281.1	311.1	255.7	311.1	276.4	351.5	390.5	371.2	307.0	405.8

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1945	188.8	246.6	169.8	190.6	166.3	209.5	255.2	302.0	273.5	275.1
June, 1946	203.1	244.8	165.6	207.8	190.5	235.5	329.1	339.4	304.7	347.5
June, 1947	238.8	255.6	213.3	248.1	212.4	300.7	317.3	334.6	306.6	315.9
May, 1948	237.7	285.8	208.6	243.1	222.3	268.6	242.9	229.2	254.0	227.8
June, 1948	271.8	320.5	223.5	277.4	247.7	331.7	258.1	232.5	253.1	237.9

Year and Month	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
June, 1945	211.2	208.0	201.8	209.4	224.7	267.4	260.5	266.7	250.0	
June, 1946	286.8	292.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.2	232.0	296.3	288.3	
June, 1947	322.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	337.5	319.7	332.0	304.3	305.0	
May, 1948	361.1	351.3	323.7	373.4	384.9	370.6	348.2	394.8	335.3	
June, 1948	372.7	348.2	367.1	407.6	373.6	327.5	339.7	366.4	373.5	

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# WHOLESALE TRADE

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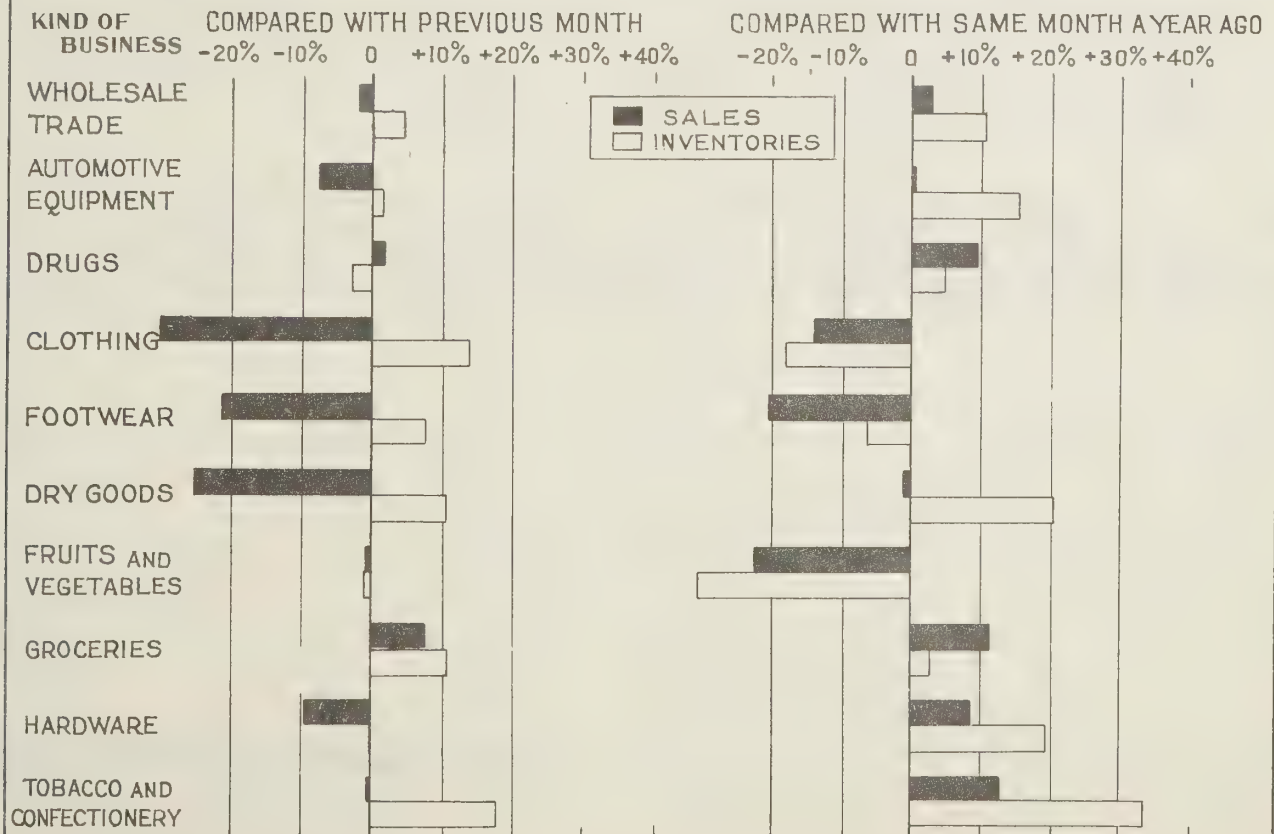
### Wholesalers' Sales Up 3% in July

Wholesalers' sales in July, 1948 were 3% above July, 1947 in dollar volume but were 2% below June this year, according to reports submitted by 373 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Dollar sales for the year to date were 4% in excess of the volume for the first seven months of 1947. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935 - 1939 = 100) stood at 284.9 for July, 1948, 276.9 for July, 1947, and 290.8 for June, 1948.

There was some variation in the trends by provinces. Increases of 10% and 7% were recorded for British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces, while lesser gains of 4% and 2% were reported for the Prairies and Ontario. A drop of 3% from July, 1947 was registered for Quebec.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

JULY 1948



### Tobacco and Confectionery Trade Shows Greatest Gain

Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers continued to register the greatest increase in dollar sales over 1947 with a gain of 13%. Sales of grocery wholesalers were up 11%, while wholesalers of drugs and hardware both reported an increase over last year of 9% in dollar value of business. Automotive equipment wholesalers' sales were less than one per cent above the dollar volume in July, 1947.

### Substantial decreases in three trades

Fruit and vegetable dealers and footwear wholesalers, whose sales have been below last year's level each month since the beginning of the year, again reported substantial declines in July. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables reported sales 23% below July last year, while footwear wholesalers' sales were down 21%. Clothing wholesalers, whose sales in June showed an increase over 1947 for the second month this year, again dropped below 1947 in July by 14%. A slight decrease of 1% was also registered in the dry goods trade.

### Inventories Valued 11% Higher

Inventories of wholesalers in the nine lines of trade included in this survey were valued 11% higher at July 31, 1948 than at the same date a year ago and were 7% higher than at the end of June this year.

Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported stocks on hand at the end of July this year at a value 33% higher than at July 31, 1947. Stocks of dry goods wholesalers were valued 20% higher, while hardware and automotive equipment wholesalers reported increases in value of **stocks on hand** of 19% and 15% respectively. Smaller increases in value of inventories of 5% and 3% were recorded by drug and grocery wholesalers.

Stocks held by footwear, clothing and fruit and vegetable wholesalers continued lower than last year. Decreases in value of stocks on hand at July 31, 1948 compared with July 31, 1947 were as follows: footwear, 6%; clothing, 18%; and fruits and vegetables, 31%.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	S a l e s				
	(1)	(2)			
	June, 1948 June, 1947	July, 1948 July, 1947	July, 1948 June, 1948	Jan. -to- July 1948 Jan. -to- July 1947	
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 2.4	+ 0.5	- 7.7	- 0.5	+15.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 4.0	+ 2.8	+ 0.9		
Ontario .....	+ 3.4	- 2.1	+ 2.2		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.4	+ 2.1	-20.9		
Drugs .....	+19.4	+ 9.4	+ 1.6	+11.6	+ 4.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+16.8	+ 6.2	+ 1.9		
Western Provinces .....	+28.0	+19.4	+ 1.8		
Clothing .....	+14.8	-14.0	-30.4	- 3.2	-18.3
Quebec .....	+14.8	- 4.7			
Ontario & Western Prov ...	+14.8	-20.1			
Footwear .....	-11.7	-20.7	-21.5	- 9.7	- 6.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-13.5	-22.5			
Ont. and Western Provinces	-10.3	-18.6			
Dry Goods .....	+12.1	- 1.4	-25.3	+ 2.9	+20.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 8.2	+ 0.2	-41.7		
Ontario .....	+13.1	- 7.3	-22.4		
Western Provinces .....	+18.1	+ 3.8	+11.6		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-19.0	-22.5	- 0.7	-17.1	-30.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-29.6	-22.1	-10.6		
Ontario .....	- 8.2	-17.3	- 4.1		
Western Provinces .....	-23.4	-26.6	+12.3		
Groceries .....	+13.4	+11.1	+ 7.7	+ 7.3	+ 2.8
Maritimes .....	+24.3	+ 7.8	+ 3.7		
Quebec .....	+ 3.5	- 6.5	+ 1.8		
Ontario .....	+11.4	+ 7.2	+ 3.3		
Prairies .....	+17.0	+21.2	+18.6		
British Columbia .....	+10.3	+19.0	+ 2.5		
Hardware .....	+15.8	+ 8.5	- 9.7	+ 8.2	+19.2
Maritimes .....	+11.0	+14.2	- 8.5		
Quebec .....	+24.7	+12.3	-16.8		
Ontario .....	+18.1	+ 9.0	-19.4		
Western Provinces .....	+10.7	+ 5.4	- 4.2		
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+20.9	+12.9	- 0.8	+12.6	+33.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+21.8	+ 6.6	- 6.8		
Ontario .....	+20.4	+14.5	- 0.5		
Western Provinces .....	+20.9	+14.4	+ 2.5		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+16.3	+ 6.5	+ 2.9		
Quebec .....	+ 4.3	- 2.7	- 8.3		
Ontario .....	+10.3	+ 1.9	- 5.2		
Prairies .....	+10.7	+ 3.8	+ 5.7		
British Columbia .....	+ 3.7	+ 9.5	+ 3.2		
CANADA .....	+ 8.8	+ 2.9	- 2.0	+ 3.6	+10.7

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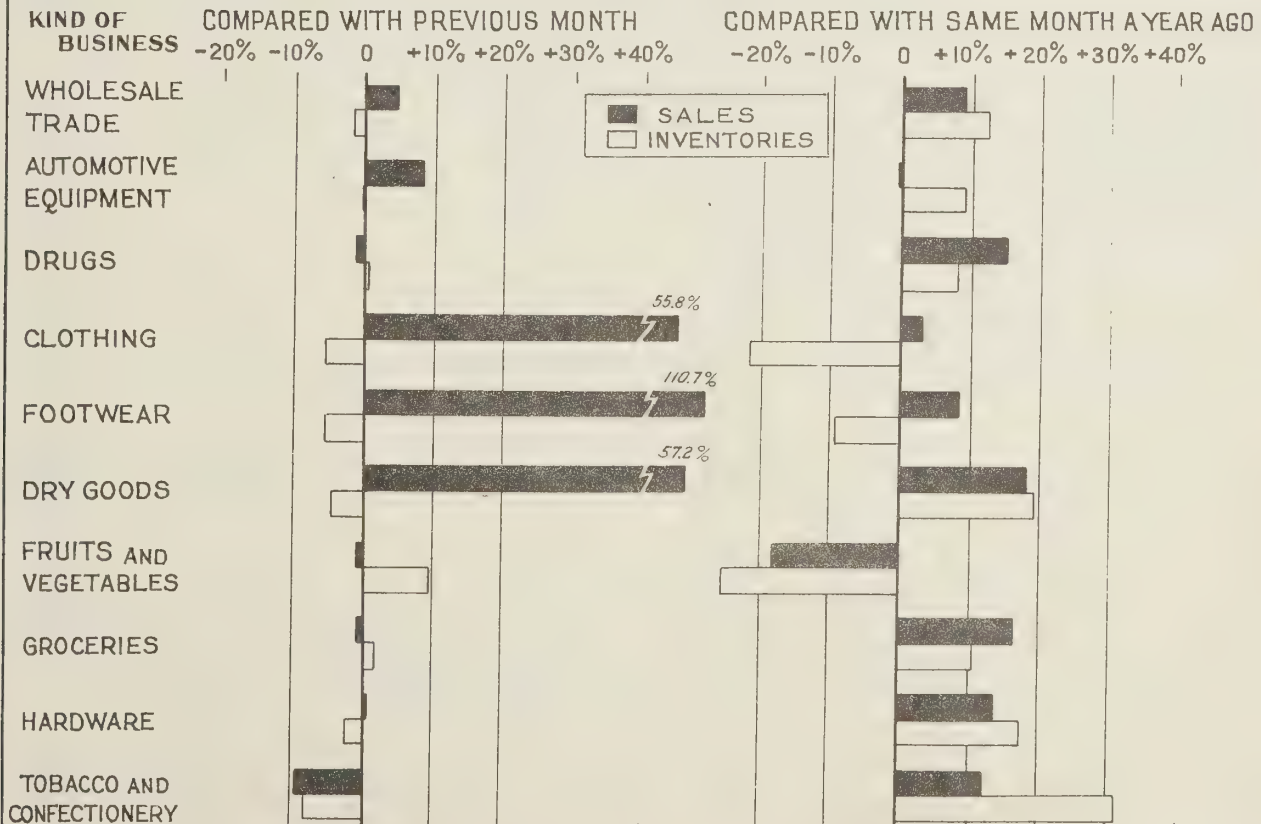
**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Canada	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
July, 1945	294.9	240.6	183.1	201.2	208.2	233.6	228.5	261.8	241.3
July, 1946	280.8	281.5	216.8	249.3	265.8	279.9	323.4	408.3	307.4
July, 1947	276.9	298.7	241.3	279.2	282.5	322.7	348.2	391.6	316.3
June, 1948	290.2	303.1	256.5	300.3	297.4	342.3	373.0	333.0	408.0
July, 1948	294.9	318.7	254.1	294.5	293.2	343.4	349.9	401.6	382.3

Year and Month	DRUGS					CLOTHING FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	Canada	Maritimes & Ont.	Western Provinces	Canada	Prairies	British Columbia	Canada	Canada	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1945	208.0	203.0	221.3	146.7	155.9	121.8	103.2	129.7	149.2	200.7	132.1	177.8	200.7
July, 1946	234.4	227.6	253.2	172.4	190.7	161.6	145.0	200.2	229.4	213.4	145.3	185.6	238.1
July, 1947	256.0	248.1	278.3	196.0	216.3	180.8	249.3	233.2	238.1	178.3	145.3	185.6	238.1
June, 1948	275.5	258.5	326.3	242.1	218.5	238.8	249.3	233.2	213.4	178.3	145.3	185.6	238.1
July, 1948	280.1	263.5	332.3	168.6	171.5	178.3	249.3	233.2	213.4	178.3	145.3	185.6	238.1

Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Canada	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
July, 1945	186.6	231.1	167.1	187.0	177.1	192.1	297.9	300.2	308.3
July, 1946	220.6	275.9	198.7	220.8	208.3	225.7	340.5	290.9	382.0
July, 1947	262.5	500.7	240.4	366.3	343.1	285.7	329.3	270.5	370.2
June, 1948	270.8	517.7	220.2	276.4	348.5	331.7	257.0	235.6	242.0
July, 1948	291.5	532.5	234.3	285.5	294.6	340.0	238.2	210.7	271.7

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1945	203.5	192.2	190.0	166.2	231.5	258.4	255.2	260.6	246.6
July, 1946	281.8	257.2	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.6	300.0	305.4	313.9
July, 1947	310.5	273.1	272.1	299.9	339.7	339.2	353.4	318.5	350.5
June, 1948	373.0	348.2	367.1	407.6	373.6	386.5	404.4	366.4	368.7
July, 1948	385.9	312.7	303.6	328.4	358.0	383.0	375.7	364.7	379.1





### Sales Up in Dry Goods and Apparel Trades

Increases in sales of all trades except tobacco and confectionery in August, 1948 compared with August, 1947 exceeded the gains recorded for the year to date over the corresponding period of last year. Sales of wholesalers of dry goods, footwear and clothing recovered from the July slump to register increases of 18%, 9%, and 3% respectively over August last year. The substantial increases over July in these trades follow the normal seasonal patterns for this period.

Grocers' sales were 17% in excess of those in August a year ago, the greatest gain registered over last year in any month to date, while increases of 15% and 14% were reported by wholesalers of drugs and hardware. Sales of tobacco and confectionery wholesalers were 12% in excess of the August, 1947 volume although 10% below July, 1948.

### Two Trades Show Drop in Sales

A slight drop of less than one per cent was reported for August this year compared with last by wholesalers of automotive equipment. Fruit and vegetable dealers' sales continued 18% below the 1947 level.

### Stocks Up 12% Over 1947

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers in the nine lines of trade covered by this survey were valued 12% higher at the end of August this year than at the same date a year ago but were 2% lower than at July 31st this year.

Wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, dry goods, and hardware again registered the largest increases in value of inventories compared with a year ago. Value of stocks of drug, automotive equipment and grocery wholesalers also showed increases ranging between 8% and 11%. Footwear wholesalers' inventories were valued 9% below last year, while decreases of 22% and 25% respectively were reported by clothing and fruit and vegetable wholesalers.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	S a l e s				
	(1)	(2)			
	July, 1948 July, 1947	August, 1948 August, 1947	August, 1948 July, 1948	Jan.,-to- Aug.,1948 Jan.,-to- Aug.,1947	
August 1947				August 1948 August 1947	
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 0.2	- 0.5	+ 8.1	- 0.5	+ 9.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 3.9	-11.5	- 2.0		
Ontario .....	- 2.9	- 3.7	- 9.9		
Western Provinces .....	+ 1.3	+ 6.6	+25.1		
Drugs .....	+10.2	+15.1	- 1.3	+12.2	+ 8.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+ 6.7	+16.7	+ 0.9		
Western Provinces .....	+19.3	+11.2	- 7.5		
Clothing .....	-11.2	+ 3.2	+55.8	- 2.1	-21.6
Quebec .....	+ 0.4	+ 3.7			
Ontario & Western Prov. ..	-19.2	+ 2.8			
Footwear .....	-20.2	+ 8.6	+110.7	- 6.9	- 9.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-22.5	+12.4			
Ont. and Western Provinces	-18.1	+ 5.8			
Dry Goods .....	- 1.1	+18.2	+57.2	+ 4.9	+19.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 0.2	+19.6	+63.6		
Ontario .....	- 6.2	+17.6	+72.9		
Western Provinces .....	+ 3.8	+17.4	+26.3		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-23.5	-18.0	- 1.0	-17.3	-25.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-23.9	-27.0	-21.4		
Ontario .....	-18.0	-16.1	-12.8		
Western Provinces .....	-27.6	-15.9	+19.0		
Groceries .....	+10.2	+16.7	- 0.9	+ 8.4	+10.9
Maritimes .....	+ 8.3	+17.0	- 4.0		
Quebec .....	- 9.7	+11.1	+ 6.2		
Ontario .....	+ 7.3	+17.8	+ 1.4		
Prairies .....	+ 20.7	+16.0	- 4.4		
British Columbia .....	+19.0	+19.8	- 2.1		
Hardware .....	+ 8.6	+13.9	+ 0.6	+ 8.9	+17.8
Maritimes .....	+14.2	+11.8	- 1.3		
Quebec .....	+12.3	+ 7.5	+ 4.4		
Ontario .....	+ 9.2	+18.9	-10.7		
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.8	+15.6	+ 0.8		
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+12.8	+12.3	- 9.5	+12.5	+31.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 6.7	+ 9.0	-10.8		
Ontario .....	+14.4	+ 9.8	- 3.2		
Western Provinces .....	+14.1	+16.7	-11.0		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 6.8	+11.5	- 3.5		
Quebec .....	- 4.7	+ 4.5	+ 7.5		
Ontario .....	+ 1.8	+10.0	+ 3.1		
Prairies .....	+ 3.8	+ 8.4	+ 6.4		
British Columbia .....	+ 8.9	+12.6	- 1.7		
CANADA .....	+ 2.4	+ 9.0	+ 4.7	+ 4.2	+12.3

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**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month.	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT					
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
August, 1945 .....	218.4	250.0	189.0	212.9	230.6	231.7	254.3	309.0	197.0	280.5	
August, 1946 .....	262.7	265.0	224.7	257.6	285.7	283.8	334.2	368.9	288.8	353.7	
August, 1947 .....	272.2	276.1	236.6	266.4	287.7	306.8	379.0	450.4	332.1	382.7	
July, 1948 .....	283.5	319.0	250.0	284.2	295.2	351.4	348.9	406.9	354.8	326.1	
August, 1948 .....	296.7	307.9	247.2	293.0	311.9	345.5	377.2	398.6	319.6	408.0	
Year and Month	DRUGS		CLOTHING			FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS			Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario		
August, 1945 .....	223.2	222.7	222.7	193.2	263.5	263.5	168.9	131.9	192.2	205.6	
August, 1946 .....	250.9	243.9	268.6	266.2	328.6	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2	
August, 1947 .....	241.9	229.0	276.1	262.7	334.8	334.8	237.7	198.0	276.2	256.2	
July, 1948 .....	282.1	264.7	332.0	174.0	172.6	172.6	178.8	144.7	187.8	238.1	
August, 1948 .....	278.4	267.2	307.0	271.1	363.6	363.6	281.0	236.8	324.8	300.8	
Year and Month.	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES					Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario		
August, 1945 .....	191.1	236.9	171.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	292.9	226.5	264.0	358.9	
August, 1946 .....	224.9	255.9	202.8	234.1	210.7	232.2	327.2	234.2	278.8	433.9	
August, 1947 .....	245.6	271.5	207.5	246.0	241.3	277.7	304.0	221.6	278.2	379.2	
July, 1948 .....	289.3	331.1	217.1	285.7	293.4	340.0	251.9	205.9	267.6	268.0	
August, 1948 .....	286.6	317.7	230.5	289.8	280.6	332.7	249.3	161.8	235.4	318.9	
Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY					Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces		
August, 1945 .....	218.9	208.8	218.5	172.6	235.0	265.1	264.0	276.8	246.7	246.7	
August, 1946 .....	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	307.8	277.5	322.7	297.5	297.5	
August, 1947 .....	297.8	281.4	296.8	245.9	313.4	309.0	308.6	321.4	287.7	287.7	
July, 1948 .....	337.2	318.7	305.6	327.5	359.4	383.3	377.1	364.4	377.1	377.1	
August, 1948 .....	339.2	314.6	319.1	292.4	362.3	347.0	336.4	352.9	335.7	335.7	





### Upward Trend in Sales Continues

September increases exceeded the cumulative gain for the year to date in all trades except drugs while in four trades, automotive equipment, clothing, dry goods, and hardware, dollar sales in the month of September surpassed all previous figures.

The increase of 23% over September, 1947 registered by clothing wholesalers was the largest of the month, sales of tobacco and confectionery wholesalers following with a gain of 16%. September sales by wholesalers of hardware were 13% above September, 1947, while footwear and dry goods wholesalers' sales increased 12%. Grocers' sales were up 9% and drugs, 7%. Wholesalers of automotive equipment reported an increase of 5% over the already high volume of 1947.

Fruit and vegetable dealers' sales for Canada showed a smaller drop from 1947 than has been recorded so far this year, but the results varied by regions. A gain of 7% in the Western Provinces partially offset declines of 20% in the Maritimes and Quebec combined and of 8% in Ontario, resulting in a drop of only 2% for Canada as a whole.

### Stocks Continue Below 1947 in Three Trades.

The value of stocks held by wholesalers in the nine trades combined at the end of September was 14% higher than at the same date a year ago but clothing, fruit and vegetable and footwear wholesalers reported decreases in value of stocks of 29%, 14%, and 12% respectively.

All other trades showed substantial increases in value of inventories compared with last year. Wholesalers of hardware and dry goods reported stocks on hand valued 20% higher than at September 30, 1947, while gains of 19% and 16% were recorded by tobacco and confectionery and grocery wholesalers. A gain of 7% in value of stocks was registered for drug wholesalers while stocks on hand in the automotive equipment trade were valued 5% higher than at the same date last year.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	S a l e s				
	(1)	(2)			
	August, 1948 August, 1947	September, 1948 September, 1947	September, 1948 August, 1948	Jan.-to- Sept.,1948 Jan.-to- Sept.,1947	
Automotive Equipment .....	- 0.8	+ 4.6	+34.0	+ 0.2	+ 5.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-12.1	- 1.6	+22.3		
Ontario .....	- 3.2	+ 4.2	+49.4		
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.6	+ 7.6	+25.5		
Drugs .....	+15.6	+ 7.4	+ 5.2	+11.6	+ 7.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+17.3	+ 6.4	+13.0		
Western Provinces .....	+11.9	+10.5	-11.8		
Clothing .....	+ 4.1	+23.3	+18.0	+ 0.9	-29.3
Quebec .....	+ 3.7	+30.2			
Ontario & Western Prov....	+ 4.3	+19.1			
Footwear .....	+ 8.6	+12.3	+16.8	- 4.1	-11.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+12.4	+10.3			
Ont. and Western Provinces	+ 5.8	+14.1			
Dry Goods .....	+19.7	+11.8	+18.9	+ 6.0	+19.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+23.1	+13.8	+38.9		
Ontario .....	+17.8	+ 5.8	+ 1.9		
Western Provinces .....	+17.2	+17.3	+12.8		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-18.2	- 2.2	+ 9.6	-15.7	-14.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-25.3	-19.7	+ 1.8		
Ontario .....	-17.3	- 8.3	+ 3.5		
Western Provinces .....	-15.9	+ 7.4	+20.0		
Groceries .....	+16.8	+ 9.0	+ 4.6	+ 8.5	+16.4
Maritimes .....	+17.0	+ 2.5	- 2.9		
Quebec .....	+12.3	+ 4.2	+18.7		
Ontario .....	+18.1	+10.6	+ 1.0		
Prairies .....	+16.0	+14.6	+ 6.4		
British Columbia .....	+19.8	+ 6.1	+ 6.5		
Hardware .....	+14.0	+12.6	+12.6	+ 9.3	+20.1
Maritimes.....	+11.4	+11.6	+32.2		
Quebec.....	+ 7.5	+13.7	+23.4		
Ontario .....	+19.5	+21.7	+44.0		
Western Provinces .....	+15.6	+ 7.9	+ 1.9		
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+12.4	+16.1	+ 7.9	+12.9	+19.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 7.8	+16.2	+19.4		
Ontario .....	+10.4	+13.1	+ 1.0		
Western Provinces .....	+16.8	+19.1	+ 8.1		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+11.3	+ 3.6	+ 6.7		
Quebec .....	+ 5.9	+ 7.2	+25.1		
Ontario .....	+10.0	+ 8.5	+ 9.8		
Prairies .....	+ 8.5	+13.7	+ 9.9		
British Columbia .....	+12.8	+ 6.2	+ 1.4		
CANADA .....	+ 9.2	+ 9.0	+10.7	+ 4.8	+13.8

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1945	215.8	237.9	202.4	208.1	228.9	221.6	293.6	300.3	239.4	329.1
September, 1946	257.2	270.7	241.9	253.5	268.3	266.8	387.6	371.8	358.4	404.5
September, 1947	301.7	316.4	292.5	296.6	301.8	330.6	481.8	491.9	460.9	475.7
August, 1948	297.2	307.3	250.6	293.0	312.2	346.1	376.0	395.9	321.5	408.0
September, 1948	328.9	327.8	313.6	321.8	343.1	351.1	504.0	484.0	480.3	511.9

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING			FOOTWEAR			DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces		
September, 1945	227.1	236.6	203.6	199.2	243.9	243.9	191.3	192.2	187.9	189.9		
September, 1946	258.4	267.8	235.6	243.4	337.6	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3		
September, 1947	273.9	285.2	246.7	261.7	378.1	378.1	302.6	297.4	313.5	288.7		
August, 1948	279.6	268.6	309.0	273.5	363.6	363.6	284.5	243.7	325.4	300.3		
September, 1948	294.2	303.5	272.6	322.7	424.6	424.6	338.3	338.4	331.7	338.6		

Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1945	179.6	207.3	165.4	171.7	177.2	204.8	270.7	205.1	256.6	340.7
September, 1946	223.4	247.5	212.7	226.1	205.9	257.4	275.0	203.5	237.9	372.4
September, 1947	275.2	301.0	265.4	265.2	260.5	333.8	278.6	209.8	259.8	356.4
August, 1948	286.9	317.7	233.0	290.5	280.6	332.7	248.7	165.5	230.1	318.9
September, 1948	300.0	308.5	276.5	293.3	298.5	354.2	272.5	168.5	238.2	382.8

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1945	228.6	242.4	235.7	217.1	237.3	250.5	250.5	248.0	251.3	238.2
September, 1946	280.9	294.8	279.8	277.9	291.9	292.8	292.8	288.7	294.5	278.5
September, 1947	339.6	371.2	346.4	347.7	342.1	322.7	322.7	341.8	316.9	305.0
August, 1948	339.5	313.5	319.1	293.9	362.3	347.3	347.3	332.7	354.8	336.0
September, 1948	382.4	414.3	393.9	423.2	369.1	374.7	374.7	397.2	358.4	363.3



### Sales Down In Three Trades

Three trades were responsible for the general sales index registering a decline. Sales of footwear wholesalers were 9% below last year's level, while grocery wholesalers' sales dropped below those for October, 1947 by 10%. Fruit and vegetable dealers' sales were 17% below last year's level.

On the other hand, sales of automotive equipment wholesalers rose 20% above October a year ago, reaching the highest dollar sales volume on record for any month. A gain of 15% over 1947 was registered by dry goods wholesalers, while increases of 9%, 6% and 5% occurred respectively in the hardware, clothing, and tobacco and confectionery trades. Drug wholesalers reported sales 2% above last October.

### Stocks Valued 12% Above 1947

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers at October 31, 1948 were valued 12% higher than at the same date last year, with six of the nine trades surveyed contributing to the gain. Grocery, hardware, tobacco and confectionery, and dry goods wholesalers reported substantial increases in value of inventories ranging between 16% and 18%. Automotive equipment dealers' inventories increased 7% in value and drug wholesalers', 4%.

Footwear, clothing, and fruit and vegetable wholesalers, continuing the trend of the past several months, showed inventories valued below 1947 by 8%, 20% and 21% respectively.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

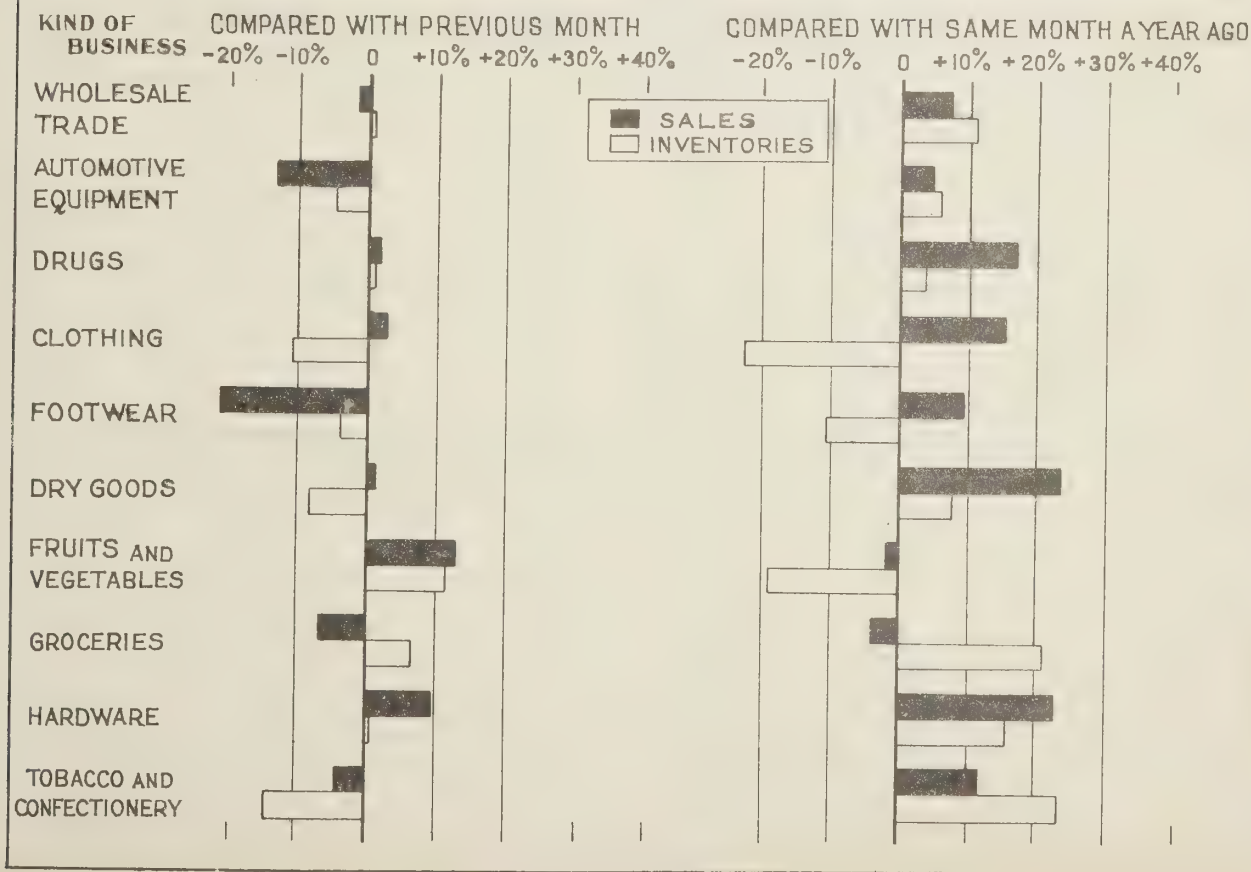
	Percentage Change				
	S a l e s				INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)			
	September, 1948 September, 1947	October, 1948 October, 1947	October, 1948 September, 1948	Jan.-to- Oct., 1948 Jan.-to- Oct., 1947	Oct., 1948 Oct., 1947
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 3.3	+20.3	+ 2.4	+ 2.3	+ 7.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 1.1	+18.0	+20.9		
Ontario .....	+ 3.5	+ 9.8	- 5.1		
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.9	+33.1	- 0.7		
Drugs .....	+ 7.4	+ 2.3	+ 9.0	+10.5	+ 3.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+ 6.4	+ 0.2	+ 3.4		
Western Provinces .....	+10.5	+ 8.3	+23.5		
Clothing .....	+18.8	+ 5.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.0	-19.8
Quebec .....	+30.2	+ 0.7			
Ontario & Western Prov. ....	+13.7	+ 8.6			
Footwear .....	+ 8.8	- 8.8	- 5.2	- 5.2	- 7.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+10.1	-14.5			
Ont. and Western Provinces	+ 7.8	- 3.6			
Dry Goods .....	+11.7	+15.0	- 4.8	+ 7.0	+17.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+13.5	+18.7	- 6.1		
Ontario .....	+ 5.8	+11.3	+ 0.9		
Western Provinces .....	+17.3	+13.9	- 5.4		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 1.3	-16.7	-15.8	-15.7	-20.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-18.0	-24.2	- 1.9		
Ontario .....	- 7.7	-22.6	-17.5		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.4	- 9.0	-22.2		
Groceries .....	+ 7.8	- 9.7	- 3.0	+ 6.0	+17.8
Maritimes .....	+ 2.2	-11.2	+ 4.5		
Quebec .....	- 0.9	-11.4	+ 4.2		
Ontario .....	+10.7	-16.7	- 2.3		
Prairies .....	+13.8	+ 2.0	- 7.6		
British Columbia .....	+ 6.1	- 8.6	- 4.5		
Hardware .....	+12.8	+ 9.3	+ 2.6	+ 9.4	+16.4
Maritimes .....	+13.4	+ 8.2	+ 1.2		
Quebec .....	+14.1	+ 9.5	- 3.1		
Ontario .....	+21.7	+11.6	- 6.5		
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.9	+ 8.2	+ 5.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery..	+16.2	+ 5.3	+ 1.9	+12.1	+17.1
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+16.4	+ 2.8	+ 1.8		
Ontario .....	+12.7	+ 4.7	- 2.4		
Western Provinces .....	+19.9	+ 6.9	+ 0.1		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 4.0	- 6.8	+ 2.2		
Quebec .....	+ 5.7	+ 0.1	+ 4.3		
Ontario .....	+ 8.2	- 6.1	- 4.3		
Prairies .....	+13.6	+ 7.9	- 6.3		
British Columbia .....	+ 6.1	- 2.2	+ 3.9		
CANADA .....	+ 8.6	- 0.9	- 1.5	+ 4.1	+11.8

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WHOLESALE TRADE									
AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
October, 1945 ..	257.5	277.5	238.7	231.8	259.8	255.7	208.8	242.1	311.7
October, 1946 ..	276.8	296.4	272.7	267.3	276.9	298.1	360.8	332.2	340.7
October, 1947 ..	325.5	360.7	322.1	316.9	297.7	372.6	423.6	412.4	372.4
September, 1948 ..	327.6	329.1	309.2	320.9	342.8	350.3	497.7	477.0	499.0
October, 1948 ..	325.1	322.4	309.5	307.1	322.1	342.1	486.5	452.1	486.7
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
October, 1945 ..	275.2	264.1	277.7	263.9	263.9	263.9	184.6	178.4	199.0
October, 1946 ..	284.1	285.0	309.9	282.3	350.5	350.5	228.7	210.0	247.2
October, 1947 ..	313.4	313.2	310.8	295.6	427.6	427.6	279.9	267.1	281.2
September, 1948 ..	294.2	303.5	272.6	310.9	411.4	411.4	338.0	337.5	338.6
October, 1948 ..	300.5	299.7	336.2	286.1	386.1	386.1	311.7	311.7	330.4
GROCERIES									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
October, 1945 ..	203.1	195.0	204.1	204.2	190.2	114.2	187.1	211.6	211.6
October, 1946 ..	248.2	241.1	256.8	240.2	127.1	146.0	187.1	216.8	216.8
October, 1947 ..	318.7	361.9	309.4	344.4	268.7	370.0	278.0	222.5	330.4
September, 1948 ..	296.7	307.6	263.0	293.6	316.5	311.2	311.7	211.2	286.3
October, 1948 ..	287.8	321.4	274.1	286.8	317.1	338.1	230.0	178.7	300.7
HARDWARE									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
October, 1945 ..	46.6	255.8	247.7	227.1	152.5	152.5	250.6	210.8	277.5
October, 1946 ..	197.2	311.8	270.0	272.1	320.7	320.7	336.8	244.5	322.2
October, 1947 ..	359.6	393.8	349.9	354.5	360.1	360.1	363.1	294.2	340.3
September, 1948 ..	383.1	420.9	395.2	423.2	360.1	360.1	375.0	397.9	365.7
October, 1948 ..	393.0	426.1	383.1	395.6	389.6	389.6	382.3	405.2	365.9





### Food Sales Drop

Wholesalers of both fruits and vegetables and of groceries registered declines in dollar sales volume from November, 1947. Sales in the fruits and vegetables trade were down 2% while grocery wholesalers reported a decrease of 4% in dollar volume.

### Other Trades Show Increases

All other trades included in the survey recorded increases in sales volume in November, 1948 compared with November, 1947. Dry goods and hardware wholesalers had the greatest percentage gains at 24% and 23% respectively. Sales of drug wholesalers were up 17%; clothing wholesalers, 15%; tobacco and confectionery wholesalers, 11%; and footwear wholesalers, 9%. Wholesale dealers in automotive equipment registered a gain of 5% over the already high volume of November, 1947.

### Inventories valued 11% higher

Total dollar value of stocks in the hands of wholesalers in the nine lines of trade under review was 11% higher at November 30, 1948 than at the same date in 1947. Tobacco and confectionery and grocery wholesalers reported inventories valued 24% and 21% respectively above the value at November 30, 1947. Hardware wholesalers' stocks were up 16%; dry goods wholesalers', 8%; automotive equipment wholesalers', 6%; and drug wholesalers', 4%.

A decline in value of inventories of 11% was recorded by footwear wholesalers, while fruit and vegetable dealers' stocks were down 19%. Clothing wholesalers reported a drop of 23% in value of stocks on hand compared with November 30, 1947.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				
	S a l e s				INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	November,	Jan.-to-	
	October, 1948 October, 1947	November, 1948 November, 1947	1948 October, 1948	Nov., 1948 Jan.-to- Nov., 1947	Nov., 1948 Nov., 1947
Automotive Equipment .....	+17.8	+ 4.5	-13.3	+ 2.3	+ 5.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 8.7	- 0.8	-16.2		
Ontario .....	+10.0	+ 1.5	-14.7		
Western Provinces .....	+30.1	+ 9.2	- 3.1		
Drugs .....	+ 2.2	+17.0	+ 1.7	+11.1	+ 3.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+ 0.2	+17.0	+ 1.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.3	+17.2	+ 2.8		
Clothing .....	+ 6.0	+15.1	+ 2.7	+ 2.4	-22.8
Quebec .....	+ 0.7	+30.0			
Ontario & Western Prov. ..	+ 9.1	+ 6.8			
Footwear .....	- 9.1	+ 9.3	-21.1	- 4.0	-10.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-14.5	+14.2			
Ontario & Western Prov. ..	- 4.3	+ 4.7			
Dry Goods .....	+15.0	+23.8	+ 1.1	+ 8.6	+ 7.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.7	+27.2	- 0.2		
Ontario .....	+11.3	+14.5	+ 1.1		
Western Provinces .....	+13.9	+31.2	+11.4		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-18.1	- 1.8	+12.8	-14.6	-19.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-27.0	-12.9	+40.4		
Ontario .....	-23.4	- 2.4	+25.1		
Western Provinces .....	- 9.0	+ 5.9	- 1.7		
Groceries .....	- 8.5	- 4.0	- 6.9	+ 5.0	+21.0
Maritimes .....	-10.6	- 6.8	- 6.6		
Quebec .....	-11.2	- 8.3	- 6.5		
Ontario .....	-16.7	- 8.9	- 6.3		
Prairies .....	+ 2.8	- 2.4	-12.1		
British Columbia .....	- 3.6	+ 9.2	- 2.7		
Hardware .....	+ 9.3	+22.9	+ 9.6	+10.7	+16.0
Maritimes .....	+ 8.2	+20.2	-12.9		
Quebec .....	+ 9.5	+21.6	+12.2		
Ontario .....	+11.6	+29.4	+12.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.2	+20.6	+10.1		
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+ 5.1	+11.4	- 4.3	+12.0	+23.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 2.8	+16.2	- 9.1		
Ontario .....	+ 4.5	+12.7	+ 0.1		
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.8	+ 8.5	+ 3.3		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	- 6.8	+ 1.3	- 5.1		
Quebec .....	- 1.4	+10.1	+ 0.6		
Ontario .....	- 6.1	+ 4.2	- 0.8		
Prairies .....	+ 8.0	+ 6.9	- 6.5		
British Columbia .....	- 1.4	+ 8.0	+ 1.6		
CANADA .....	- 1.1	+ 7.2	- 1.8	+ 4.4	+10.9

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1945 ..	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
November, 1946 ..	257.2	280.4	246.9	251.0	257.9	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
November, 1947 ..	295.0	314.9	290.1	292.2	281.1	345.6	413.8	457.6	381.1	429.9
October, 1948 ...	321.9	336.2	317.6	307.0	321.5	367.4	499.0	541.9	453.6	484.5
November, 1948 ..	316.2	319.0	319.4	304.5	300.5	373.2	432.4	453.9	386.8	469.5

Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR						DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1945 ..	259.4	256.3	268.7	200.2	219.3	219.3	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8
November, 1946 ..	284.3	277.3	305.2	273.7	292.3	292.3	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1
November, 1947 ..	278.3	272.6	295.1	279.7	280.6	280.6	262.9	248.7	295.5	272.1
October, 1948 ...	320.3	313.8	336.6	313.3	388.7	388.7	321.9	317.0	334.7	320.4
November, 1948 ..	325.6	318.9	345.9	321.9	306.7	306.7	325.5	316.3	338.3	357.0

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1945 ..	195.8	243.3	193.9	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.6	242.7	286.0	278.7
November, 1946 ..	231.2	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	263.9	234.4	249.4	309.9
November, 1947 ..	282.8	324.1	280.1	295.2	248.7	317.9	261.5	261.8	251.1	279.2
October, 1948 ...	291.6	323.5	274.7	286.9	276.2	356.7	227.7	162.4	195.9	300.7
November, 1948 ..	271.5	302.1	256.9	268.9	242.7	347.1	256.8	228.0	245.1	295.7

Year and Month	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
November, 1945 ..	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8	
November, 1946 ..	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	311.0	274.3	300.2	333.9	
November, 1947 ..	350.6	308.9	353.5	345.0	355.8	327.8	317.1	308.9	347.9	
October, 1948 ...	393.0	426.1	383.1	395.6	389.6	381.6	405.2	347.8	365.6	
November, 1948 ..	430.9	371.3	429.9	446.4	429.1	365.2	368.5	348.1	377.5	



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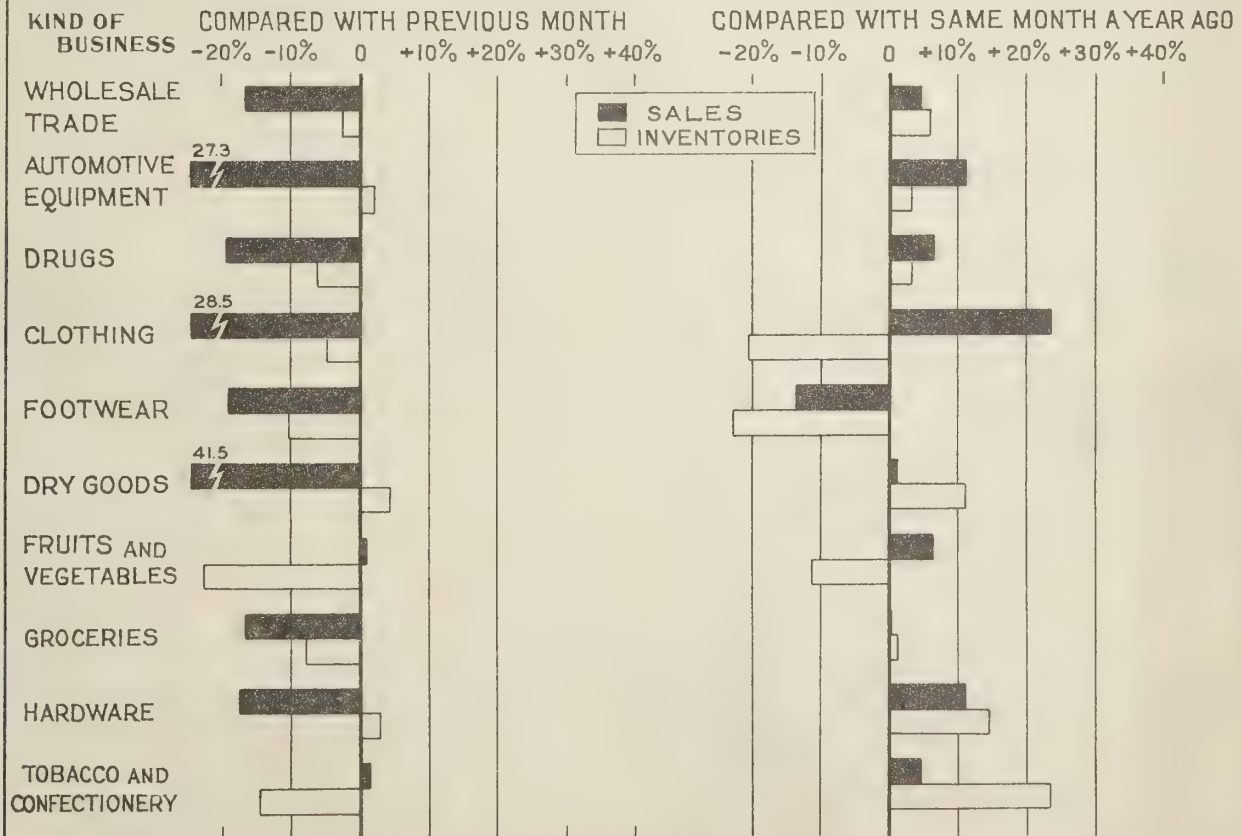
## WHOLESALE TRADE DECEMBER 1948

### December Sales 5% Above Year Ago

Wholesalers' sales in December, 1948 were 5% higher in dollar volume than in December, 1947 but 17% below the November, 1948 volume. This drop from November was greater than the usual seasonal decline for the past few years. These figures are based on statements received from 363 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Dollar sales for the twelve months of 1948 were 5% in excess of the volume for the year 1947. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 263.2 for December, 1948, 251.1 for December, 1947, and 316.2 for November, 1948.

Separate figures by provinces indicate that December sales in the nine lines of trade included in the survey were higher than in December, 1947 in all provinces but British Columbia where a decline of 4% was recorded. Percentage gains in the other regions were as follows: Maritime Provinces, 3%; Quebec, 4%; Ontario, 4%; Prairie Provinces, 12%.

### PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES DECEMBER 1948



Footwear Only Trade With Decrease in Sales Volume

Footwear wholesalers registered a drop of 14% in sales volume from December, 1947 but results varied in different parts of the country. A gain of 22% in Ontario and the Western Provinces combined was more than offset by a 40% drop in Quebec and the Maritimes combined.

Sales of wholesale grocers remained practically unchanged from December a year ago while a gain of 1% was reported by dry goods wholesalers. The dollar volume of sales in the tobacco and confectionery trade increased 5% over December, 1947, while sales of drugs and fruits and vegetables dealers were up 7%. More substantial gains of 11% were recorded by wholesalers of hardware and of automotive equipment, with the highest percentage gain of 24% being reported by clothing wholesalers.

Stocks valued 6% above December, 1947

Wholesalers' inventories at the end of December, 1948 were valued 6% higher than at the same date a year ago. Three trades, footwear, clothing and fruits and vegetables, showed marked decreases of 23%, 21% and 11% respectively in value of stocks on hand.

Wholesale grocers reported stocks on hand at a value 1% higher than on the corresponding date a year ago, while an increase of 3% was registered by wholesalers of drugs and of automotive equipment. Other trades included in the survey registered more substantial increases in value of stocks on hand as follows: dry goods, 11%; hardware, 15%; and tobacco and confectionery, 24%.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				
	S a l e s				
	(1)	(2)	December, 1948	Jan.-to- Dec., 1948	INVENTORY Dec., 1948
	November, 1948	December, 1948			
	November, 1947	December, 1947	November, 1948	Jan.-to- Dec., 1947	Dec., 1947
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 4.7	+11.2	-27.3	+ 2.9	+ 3.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 2.6	- 2.3	- 9.8		
Ontario .....	+ 4.2	+24.2	- 3.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.2	+ 4.9	-44.8		
Drugs .....	+17.2	+ 6.6	-19.7	+10.8	+ 3.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont	+17.2	+ 5.6	-16.4		
Western Provinces .....	+17.2	+ 9.7	-28.8		
Clothing .....	+14.3	+23.6	-28.5	+ 3.6	-20.8
Quebec .....	+29.1	+47.6			
Ontario & Western Prov. .	+ 6.2	+ 6.9			
Footwear .....	+11.3	-13.9	-19.0	- 4.7	-22.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+14.2	-39.7			
Ontario & Western Prov. .	+ 9.1	+21.6			
Dry Goods .....	+23.9	+ 1.1	-41.5	+ 8.1	+11.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+27.0	+ 4.7	-50.4		
Ontario .....	+15.2	- 9.2	-33.7		
Western Provinces .....	+31.2	+19.2	-43.6		
Fruits and Vegetables ....	- 1.9	+ 6.6	+ 1.0	-13.1	-11.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-11.6	- 8.0	-12.3		
Ontario .....	- 2.4	+ 5.5	+ 2.0		
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.9	+16.7	+ 1.5		
Groceries .....	- 3.7	+ 0.2	-16.4	+ 4.7	+ 1.1
Maritimes .....	- 6.8	- 0.4	-13.7		
Quebec .....	- 5.5	- 0.5	-17.3		
Ontario .....	- 8.4	- 3.8	-10.6		
Prairies .....	- 2.2	+ 3.3	-25.9		
British Columbia .....	+ 9.2	+ 9.7	-10.6		
Hardware .....	+22.9	+11.0	-17.3	+10.7	+14.6
Maritimes .....	+20.2	+20.2	-20.0		
Quebec .....	+21.6	+16.8	-18.0		
Ontario .....	+29.4	+22.0	- 8.2		
Western Provinces .....	+20.6	+ 2.9	-21.3		
Tobacco and Confectionery.	+11.7	+ 4.9	+ 1.6	+11.4	+23.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+16.9	+ 8.9	+16.4		
Ontario .....	+13.0	+ 4.4	+ 3.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.5	+ 3.5	- 9.9		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 1.6	+ 2.8	-17.4		
Quebec .....	+ 8.9	+ 4.0	-20.5		
Ontario .....	+ 4.6	+ 3.9	- 9.4		
Prairies .....	+10.8	+11.5	-25.6		
British Columbia .....	+ 8.0	- 3.6	-16.4		
CANADA .....	+ 7.2	+ 4.8	-16.8	+ 4.4	+ 5.8

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1945 ..	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
December, 1946 ..	222.2	237.4	214.8	229.8	191.9	275.1	231.9	347.2	243.5	203.7
December, 1947 ..	251.1	257.1	241.4	266.6	207.8	323.5	283.4	411.4	307.5	244.8
November, 1948 ..	316.2	319.9	315.9	305.6	311.5	373.2	433.2	445.7	397.1	465.2
December, 1948 ..	263.2	264.3	251.1	277.0	231.7	311.9	315.1	401.9	381.9	256.8

Year and Month	DRUGS						CLOTHING				FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1945 ..	198.3	199.2	196.2	116.9	167.3	219.0	113.4	98.4	130.2	113.7	219.0	251.0	186.8	142.8	198.3	150.5	186.8	142.8
December, 1946 ..	215.8	215.1	218.2	167.3	184.9	293.7	188.3	149.7	248.6	168.9	293.7	312.3	340.4	357.0	245.6	224.5	248.6	168.9
December, 1947 ..	245.6	253.0	224.5	184.9	319.7	252.9	190.4	156.7	225.7	201.3	252.9	252.9	225.7	201.3	326.2	345.9	340.4	357.0
November, 1948 ..	326.2	319.5	345.9	319.7	228.5	252.9	190.4	156.7	225.7	201.3	252.9	252.9	225.7	201.3	261.8	246.3	225.7	201.3
December, 1948 ..	261.8	267.2	246.3	228.5	228.5	252.9	190.4	156.7	225.7	201.3	252.9	252.9	225.7	201.3	261.8	246.3	225.7	201.3

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1945 ..	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.3	271.3	302.9	301.8
December, 1946 ..	200.8	240.2	191.1	212.2	162.3	248.1	276.5	241.2	268.4	301.5
December, 1947 ..	227.1	261.8	220.1	251.2	174.3	282.8	243.0	220.5	237.0	257.2
November, 1948 ..	272.3	302.1	264.7	270.4	243.2	347.1	256.5	231.4	245.1	295.7
December, 1948 ..	227.6	260.8	219.0	241.7	180.1	310.2	259.0	202.9	250.0	300.2

Year and Month	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1945 ..	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6
December, 1946 ..	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	305.0	305.0	323.9	296.0	292.0
December, 1947 ..	321.2	247.2	301.8	336.0	328.0	354.7	354.7	396.1	346.9	328.5
November, 1948 ..	430.9	371.3	429.9	446.4	429.1	366.2	366.2	370.7	349.1	377.5
December, 1948 ..	356.5	297.1	352.5	409.9	337.5	372.1	372.1	431.4	362.2	340.0

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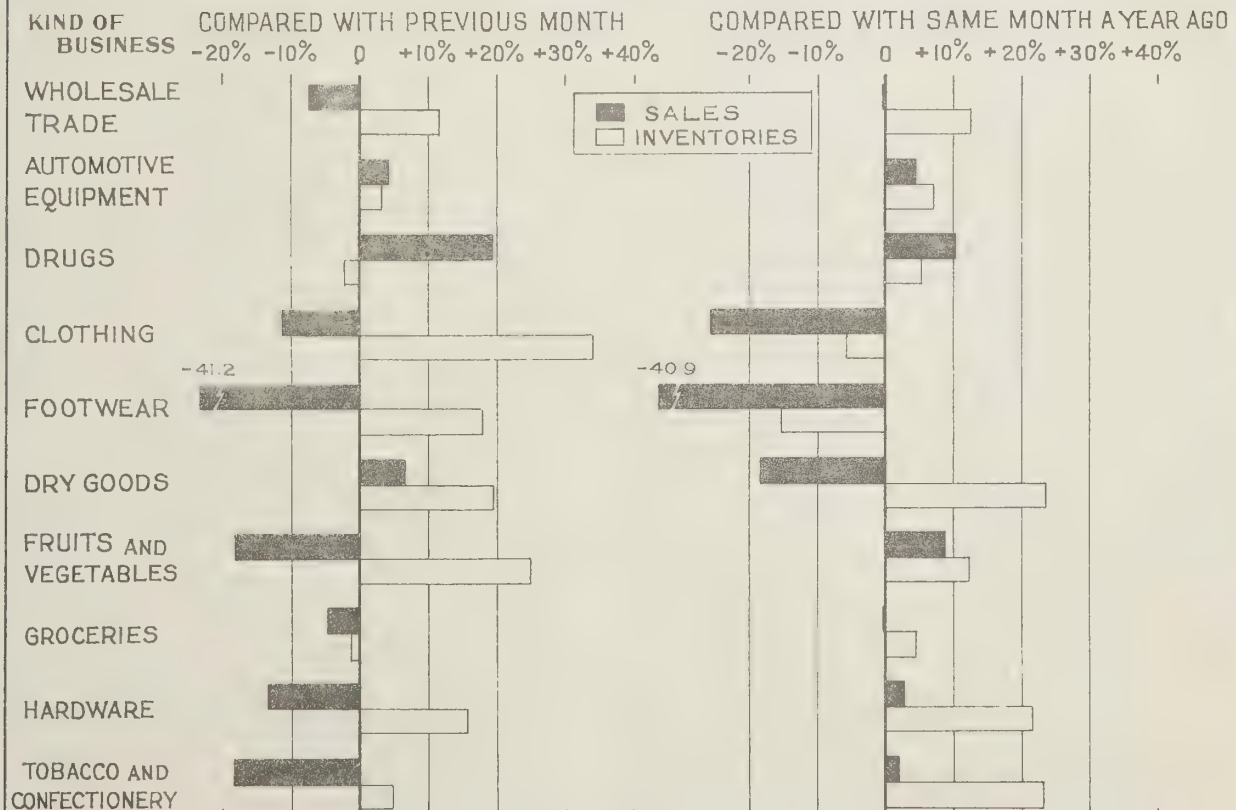
## WHOLESALE TRADE JANUARY 1949

### Sales Volume Unchanged from January, 1948

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in January, 1949 was less than one-half of one per cent lower than in January, 1948 and 7% below the volume for December, 1948 according to statements from 357 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 243.2 for January, 1949, 244.2 for January, 1948, and 262.1 for December, 1948.

Dollar sales of wholesalers in the Province of Quebec were 7% lower than in January a year ago and in British Columbia, sales were down 3%. An increase of 2% over January, 1948 was registered in all other regions of the country.

### PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES JANUARY 1949



### Sales Drop in Dry Goods and Apparel Trades

Wholesalers in the dry goods and apparel trades registered marked declines in dollar volume of sales in January, 1949 compared with January a year ago. Sales of footwear wholesalers were down 41%, sales of clothing wholesalers dropped 26%, and dry goods wholesalers' sales were 18% below January, 1948.

Sales of grocery wholesalers were slightly lower than in January last year, while modest gains of 2%, 3%, and 4% were reported respectively by wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, hardware, and automotive equipment. Fruit and vegetable dealers recorded sales 9% above last year's level, while drug wholesalers' sales were up 10%.

### Inventories Generally Higher in Value

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers at the end of January, 1949 were valued 13% higher than the inventory at the corresponding date in 1948. Clothing wholesalers' stocks were 6% lower in value and inventories of footwear wholesalers were 15% lower than at January 31, 1948.

All other trades registered increases in value of inventories. Grocery and drug wholesalers' inventories were 5% higher in value, automotive equipment wholesalers' stocks were up 7%, and fruit and vegetable dealers', 12%. More substantial gains in value of stocks on hand were reported by wholesalers of hardware, tobacco and confectionery, and dry goods at 22%, 23%, and 24% respectively.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change			
	S a l e s			
	(1)	(2)		INVENTORY
	December, 1948	January, 1949	January, 1949	Jan., 1949
	December, 1947	January, 1948	December, 1948	Jan., 1948
Automotive Equipment .....	+13.1	+ 4.2	+ 4.3	+ 7.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 2.8	+ 4.0	-26.0	
Ontario .....	+22.2	+ 2.9	- 3.0	
Western Provinces .....	+11.9	+ 5.6	+22.1	
Drugs .....	+ 6.8	+10.2	+19.2	+ 5.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+ 5.9	+11.2	+13.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.6	+ 7.9	+36.7	
Clothing .....	+24.6	-25.5	-11.2	- 5.9
Quebec .....	+49.7	- 8.3		
Ontario & Western Prov. ..	+ 6.9	-32.7		
Footwear .....	-14.9	-40.9	-41.2	-15.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-38.2	-51.5		
Ontario and Western Prov..	+14.4	-29.6		
Dry Goods .....	+ 2.4	-18.2	+ 6.8	+23.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 6.5	-21.1	+16.1	
Ontario .....	- 8.7	-14.6	+ 5.5	
Western Provinces .....	+19.3	-19.1	- 0.3	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 6.3	+ 8.8	-18.3	+12.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 6.4	+ 9.3	-17.1	
Ontario .....	+ 5.5	+ 6.5	- 7.6	
Western Provinces .....	+16.1	+11.1	-31.0	
Groceries .....	- 0.6	- 0.2	- 4.7	+ 4.6
Maritimes .....	(x)	- 0.1	-10.2	
Quebec .....	- 5.9	-10.6	-32.8	
Ontario .....	- 3.8	+ 0.8	- 3.6	
Prairies .....	+ 3.4	+ 0.6	+ 8.3	
British Columbia .....	+10.0	+ 5.4	- 2.0	
Hardware .....	+10.9	+ 2.8	-13.2	+21.5
Maritimes .....	+20.2	+15.4	-18.2	
Quebec .....	+15.8	+ 7.8	- 2.1	
Ontario .....	+21.1	+ 9.2	-21.6	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.9	- 4.2	- 8.4	
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+ 4.2	+ 2.0	-18.3	+23.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 8.9	- 0.9	-34.5	
Ontario .....	+ 3.2	+ 2.4	-14.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.9	+ 2.9	-14.2	
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes .....	+ 2.9	+ 2.1	-14.5	
Quebec .....	+ 2.3	- 6.6	-17.7	
Ontario .....	+ 3.7	+ 1.5	- 5.1	
Prairies .....	+11.7	+ 1.7	- 0.6	
British Columbia .....	- 3.2	- 3.4	- 2.7	
CANADA .....	+ 4.4	- 0.4	- 7.2	+12.5

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**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

WHOLESALE TRADE									
AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
January, 1946	217.3	232.0	185.6	231.7	206.7	252.1	358.7	326.0	404.0
January, 1947	237.3	236.4	206.2	251.6	231.3	271.0	346.5	335.8	349.5
January, 1948	244.2	221.5	217.7	258.6	226.7	315.2	320.9	284.4	316.6
December, 1948	262.1	264.6	247.0	276.5	232.1	313.1	320.5	399.9	273.9
January, 1949	243.2	226.2	203.3	262.5	230.6	304.5	334.4	295.8	334.3
DRUGS									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CLOTHING	FOOTWEAR	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
January, 1946	247.0	244.8	254.8	281.5	230.3	241.7	203.5	183.2	193.1
January, 1947	254.7	245.8	278.8	294.7	274.5	257.2	220.2	192.0	225.7
January, 1948	283.7	273.3	311.7	274.7	248.7	280.3	251.7	234.6	248.3
December, 1948	262.3	267.9	246.1	230.4	249.9	227.0	192.8	159.4	201.5
January, 1949	312.6	303.9	336.3	204.7	147.0	239.4	205.9	185.1	200.9
GROCERIES									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
January, 1946	185.4	236.3	144.5	199.9	163.5	204.2	230.6	180.7	220.8
January, 1947	213.0	250.5	162.4	232.5	190.8	246.1	217.9	169.9	218.2
January, 1948	215.6	235.2	155.6	231.1	193.9	289.4	193.9	156.6	185.3
December, 1948	225.7	261.8	207.1	241.7	180.2	311.1	258.3	206.4	298.6
January, 1949	215.2	235.0	139.1	232.9	195.1	305.0	211.0	171.2	205.9
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
January, 1946	185.4	236.3	144.5	199.9	163.5	204.2	230.6	180.7	220.8
January, 1947	213.0	250.5	162.4	232.5	190.8	246.1	217.9	169.9	218.2
January, 1948	215.6	235.2	155.6	231.1	193.9	289.4	193.9	156.6	185.3
December, 1948	225.7	261.8	207.1	241.7	180.2	311.1	258.3	206.4	298.6
January, 1949	215.2	235.0	139.1	232.9	195.1	305.0	211.0	171.2	205.9
TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1946	228.5	176.5	239.9	195.0	259.2	255.0	236.0	257.4	246.7
January, 1947	268.7	211.6	279.0	249.6	293.7	277.7	259.6	278.2	269.6
January, 1948	300.9	210.5	317.5	292.0	322.5	296.0	285.0	298.0	281.7
December, 1948	356.2	297.1	349.5	406.9	337.5	369.6	431.4	358.0	338.0
January, 1949	309.3	242.9	342.3	318.9	309.0	301.9	282.4	305.2	289.9

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# WHOLESALE TRADE

## FEBRUARY 1949

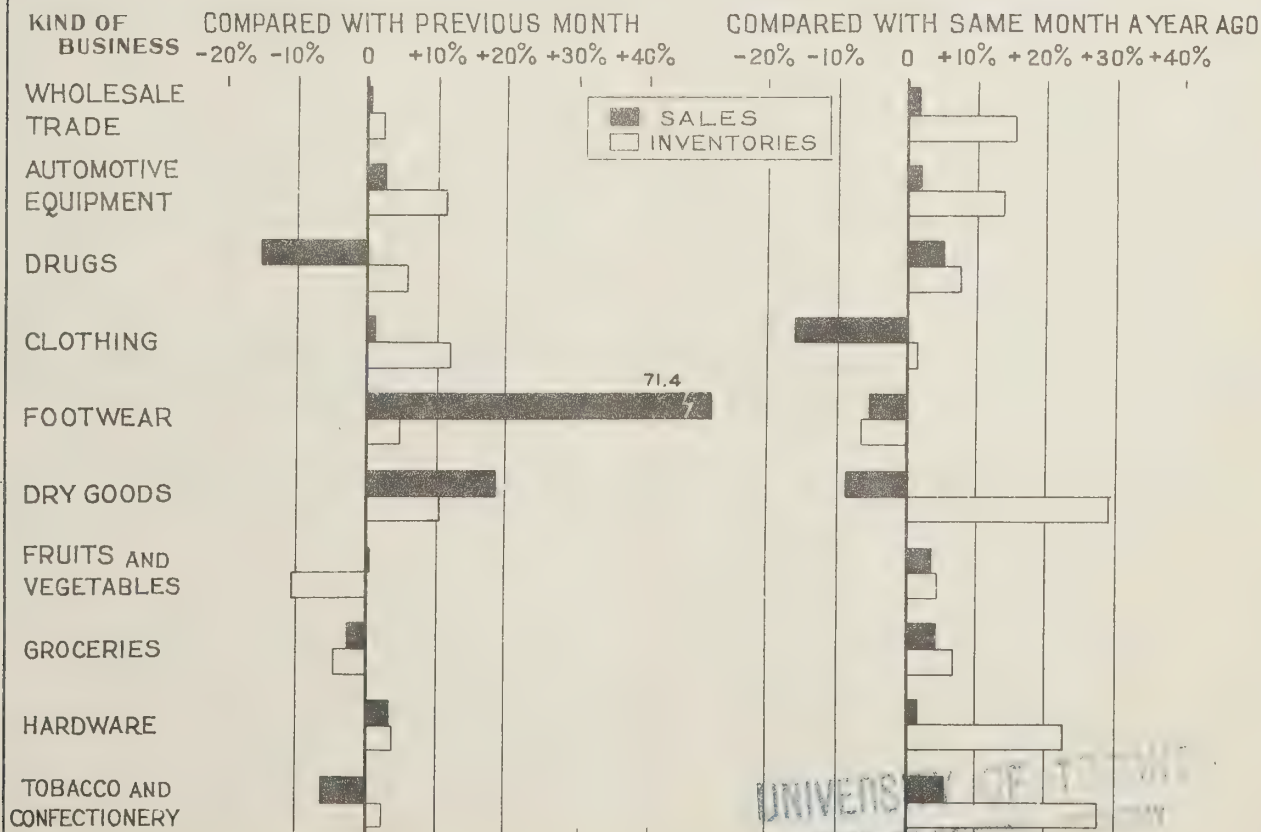
### Dollar Sales Up 2%

February, 1949 sales of wholesalers were 2% higher in dollar volume than in February last year and 1% higher than in January, 1949, according to statements from 366 wholesalers representing nine lines of wholesale trade. The general unadjusted index (on the base, 1935-1939=100) stood at 244.6 for February, 1949, 239.8 for February, 1948, and 243.2 for January, 1949.

Sales in Quebec and in British Columbia continued below last year by 6% and 3% respectively. Wholesalers in the Maritime Provinces reported an increase of 2% while gains of 4% and 10% were recorded for Ontario and the Prairie Provinces respectively.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

### FEBRUARY 1949





Sales in Dry Goods and Apparel Trades Continue Below 1948

Wholesalers of dry goods and apparel continued to report sales below the 1948 volume although the February declines were less marked than those recorded for January. Footwear wholesalers' sales decreased 5%, dry goods wholesalers', 9% while a drop of 16% was recorded by clothing wholesalers.

Moderate gains were reported by all other trades. Drug wholesalers and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported sales in February, 1949 up 5% from February a year ago. Sales of grocery and fruit and vegetable dealers were up 4%, while gains of 2% were reported by wholesalers of hardware and automotive equipment.

Inventories up 16%

Wholesalers' inventories were valued 16% higher at the end of February, 1949 than at the corresponding date a year ago. Footwear wholesalers recorded a decline of 7% in value of stocks on hand compared with last year but all other trades showed increases.

The largest increases were reported by the dry goods and tobacco and confectionery trades at 29% and 28% respectively. Hardware wholesalers stocks were up 23% in value and those of automotive equipment dealers, 14%. Other trades reported increases in value of stocks as follows: drugs, 8%; groceries, 7%; fruits and vegetables, 4%; and clothing, 2%.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change			INVENTORY
	S a l e s			
	(1)	(2)		
	January, 1949	February, 1949	February, 1949	
	January, 1948	February, 1948	January, 1949	
				Feb., 1949 Feb., 1948
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 2.7	+ 2.3	+ 2.8	+14.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 6.2	-15.3	+ 9.7	
Ontario .....	+ 0.1	+ 7.3	- 4.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.0	+ 5.7	+ 3.6	
Drugs .....	+10.1	+ 5.4	-15.0	+ 7.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+11.2	+ 6.6	-14.9	
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.9	+ 2.7	-13.7	
Clothing .....	-20.1	-16.0	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
Quebec .....	+ 0.5	- 6.9		
Ontario and Western Prov..	-30.3	-21.0		
Footwear .....	-40.3	- 5.1	+71.4	- 6.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-51.5	- 1.8		
Ontario and Western Prov..	-28.6	- 9.7		
Dry Goods .....	-17.9	- 8.9	+18.2	+29.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-21.1	-11.5	+26.7	
Ontario .....	-14.0	- 7.7	+13.4	
Western Provinces .....	-19.1	- 5.6	+ 8.9	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 8.7	+ 3.8	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 9.4	- 4.4	+17.7	
Ontario .....	+ 6.3	+ 2.9	- 8.2	
Western Provinces .....	+11.3	+10.3	+ 4.4	
Groceries .....	- 0.4	+ 4.1	- 2.5	+ 6.7
Maritimes .....	- 0.1	+ 2.2	- 1.5	
Quebec .....	-12.7	-12.3	+11.6	
Ontario .....	+ 0.7	+ 7.2	- 7.6	
Prairies .....	+ 0.6	+ 9.4	+ 1.7	
British Columbia .....	+ 6.1	+ 7.3	- 8.8	
Hardware .....	+ 3.1	+ 1.9	+ 3.4	+22.8
Maritimes .....	+15.1	+10.0	+ 7.5	
Quebec .....	+ 7.7	- 0.8	-13.1	
Ontario .....	+10.2	+ 6.2	+ 2.1	
Western Provinces .....	- 4.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.3	
Tobacco and Confectionery ,	+ 2.3	+ 5.3	- 6.3	+27.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	(x)	+ 5.6	- 0.4	
Ontario .....	+ 2.3	+ 3.5	- 2.3	
Western Provinces .....	+ 3.3	+ 7.1	-10.8	
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes .....	+ 2.2	+ 2.3	- 1.1	
Quebec .....	- 7.0	- 6.3	+12.5	
Ontario .....	+ 1.5	+ 4.0	- 4.0	
Prairies .....	+ 1.6	+ 9.5	+ 3.3	
British Columbia .....	- 1.5	- 3.3	-10.4	
CANADA .....	- 0.4	+ 2.0	+ 0.6	+15.8

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**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
February, 1946 ..	210.2	201.1	197.6	211.9	204.1	242.6	310.9	354.0	263.7	325.2	
February, 1947 ..	231.2	218.0	218.9	238.8	220.2	260.4	335.2	428.7	314.1	318.5	
February, 1948 ..	239.8	218.9	243.2	242.4	217.3	287.7	331.2	391.0	316.0	322.6	
January, 1949 ..	243.2	226.4	202.6	262.5	230.2	310.8	329.6	302.0	354.6	329.3	
February, 1949 ..	244.6	223.9	227.1	252.1	237.9	273.2	338.6	331.2	339.1	341.0	

Year and Month	CLOTHING							FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Que & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces				
February, 1946 ..	227.7	223.0	214.8	237.2	234.7	238.2	188.7	196.5	191.8	167.6					
February, 1947 ..	221.1	216.5	237.2	237.2	217.2	296.8	229.5	224.4	272.0	177.3					
February, 1948 ..	251.8	242.5	282.5	264.2	264.2	268.3	268.2	265.0	296.2	231.7					
January, 1949 ..	312.4	303.9	336.3	219.5	219.5	148.5	206.6	185.1	241.1	200.9					
February, 1949 ..	265.4	258.5	290.1	221.9	221.9	254.6	244.3	234.5	273.4	218.7					

Year and Month	GROCERIES							FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
February, 1946 ..	173.7	195.6	150.0	176.2	162.3	203.0	241.2	225.2	245.9	240.6	
February, 1947 ..	200.3	222.0	159.5	211.6	189.2	228.6	219.7	209.4	220.8	220.6	
February, 1948 ..	201.1	226.4	172.9	200.6	181.4	261.1	204.5	210.9	205.8	195.2	
January, 1949 ..	214.7	235.0	135.8	232.7	195.1	307.1	210.8	171.3	230.7	206.2	
February, 1949 ..	209.3	231.4	151.6	215.0	198.5	280.2	212.3	201.6	211.8	215.3	

Year and Month	HARDWARE							TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces		
February, 1946 ..	257.8	193.7	221.9	239.6	205.0	228.8	195.7	244.3	221.4		
February, 1947 ..	293.1	215.0	257.2	280.3	315.8	245.7	229.4	258.5	232.5		
February, 1948 ..	314.8	236.7	299.6	309.5	320.2	269.3	268.9	287.7	242.3		
January, 1949 ..	310.2	242.3	341.9	321.8	309.0	302.8	285.0	304.9	291.0		
February, 1949 ..	320.8	260.4	297.2	328.7	322.4	283.6	284.0	297.8	259.5		





### Fruit and Vegetable Sales Up

Fruit and vegetable wholesalers recorded the largest increase over March last year with a gain of 18%, bringing the increase for the year to date over the corresponding period last year to 10%.

Sales of footwear wholesalers were 15% higher than in March a year ago, after having been below last year in the two previous months. The cumulative sales for the first quarter were 10% below the first quarter of 1948.

Drug wholesalers' Sales were 11% above last year while automotive equipment wholesalers, grocery wholesalers and hardware wholesalers all recorded gains of 7%. Sales of tobacco and confectionery wholesalers were 3% higher than in March a year ago.

Dry goods wholesalers, who had also recorded decreased sales for the past two months, showed a slight gain of 1%, bringing the cumulative sales for 1949 to 9% below 1948. Sales of clothing wholesalers continued below last year by 10%.

### Stocks Up 13%.

Inventories of wholesalers in the nine trades surveyed were valued 13% higher at the end of March, 1949 than at the corresponding date a year ago.

Gains of 23% and 22% respectively were recorded by dry goods and hardware wholesalers. Fruit and vegetable, and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported an increase of 9% in stocks on hand, automotive equipment and drug wholesalers' stocks were up 7%, while grocery wholesalers' inventories were valued 3% higher than at March 31 last year.

Clothing wholesalers' stocks were lower by 2% in dollar value while footwear wholesalers reported stocks down 16% from last year.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				
	SALES				INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)			
	February, 1949 February, 1948	March, 1949 March, 1948	March, 1949 Feb. 1949	Jan.-to- Mar., 1949 Jan.-to- Mar., 1948	March, 1949 March, 1948
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 2.6	+ 6.9	+ 0.6	+ 4.1	+ 7.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-14.9	-17.4	-12.0	- 9.9	
Ontario .....	+ 6.7	+ 9.6	+ 7.9	+ 5.3	
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.5	+15.1	+ 2.3	+ 8.4	
Drugs .....	+ 6.1	+11.3	+ 1.5	+ 9.2	+ 7.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+ 7.4	+ 9.4	- 0.8	+ 9.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.7	+15.8	+ 5.9	+ 8.6	
Clothing .....	-15.4	- 9.9	+20.9	-15.0	- 2.3
Quebec .....	- 6.9	-18.6			
Ont. and Western Provinces	-19.6	- 3.9			
Footwear .....	-10.3	+14.5	+42.1	-10.4	-15.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 1.8	+19.9			
Ont. and Western Provinces	-16.7	+10.8			
Dry Goods .....	- 9.1	+ 1.0	+10.3	- 8.5	+23.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-10.9	- 0.3	+13.5	-10.3	
Ontario .....	- 8.9	+ 2.6	+ 7.4	- 6.8	
Western Provinces .....	- 5.6	+ 1.0	+21.9	- 7.8	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 3.2	+18.1	+21.1	+10.2	+ 8.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 4.0	+19.1	+21.5	+ 8.0	
Ontario .....	+ 1.4	+15.3	+31.0	+ 8.0	
Western Provinces .....	+10.3	+20.5	+ 7.0	+14.0	
Groceries .....	+ 5.2	+ 6.9	+14.3	+ 3.9	+ 2.8
Maritimes .....	+ 2.0	+ 5.7	+24.6	+ 2.7	
Quebec .....	- 6.6	- 3.8	+14.9	- 7.4	
Ontario .....	+ 8.2	+ 8.3	+12.9	+ 5.6	
Prairies .....	+ 9.4	+12.3	+12.5	+ 7.5	
British Columbia .....	+ 7.3	+ 4.1	+ 9.8	+ 5.8	
Hardware .....	+ 2.1	+ 6.6	+16.6	+ 4.0	+21.7
Maritimes .....	-13.8	- 2.6	+19.1	+ 7.2	
Quebec .....	- 0.8	- 1.9	+14.3	+ 1.6	
Ontario .....	+ 5.9	+12.5	+21.7	+ 9.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 0.7	+ 8.8	+15.3	+ 1.9	
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+ 5.4	+ 2.7	+24.2	+ 3.4	+ 8.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 5.6	- 2.9	+32.4	+ 0.4	
Ontario .....	+ 3.6	+ 2.5	+ 9.8	+ 2.8	
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.1	+ 5.8	+34.2	+ 5.3	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 2.6	+ 3.3	+22.7	+ 2.7	
Quebec .....	- 4.6	+ 0.8	+15.4	- 3.3	
Ontario .....	+ 3.7	+ 8.0	+14.7	+ 4.5	
Prairies .....	+ 9.5	+14.8	+16.0	+ 8.7	
British Columbia .....	- 3.2	+ 0.8	+13.2	- 1.2	
CANADA .....	+ 2.2	+ 7.0	+15.6	+ 3.0	+12.6

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
March, 1946	234.2	234.8	224.3	237.4	230.2	250.9	338.3	339.1	318.3	360.7	
March, 1947	257.2	255.0	251.0	251.9	252.8	293.6	341.3	373.0	297.6	372.6	
March, 1948	264.9	266.7	265.6	267.0	240.4	312.7	319.8	354.4	332.1	305.5	
February, 1949	245.1	224.6	232.0	251.4	237.9	278.5	339.8	332.7	337.2	343.6	
March, 1949	283.4	275.5	267.7	288.4	276.0	315.2	341.9	292.7	364.0	351.6	

Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR							DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
March, 1946	228.9	224.2	242.1	235.6	240.0	290.0	192.5	193.8	184.8	204.5	
March, 1947	223.4	218.9	236.3	264.1	300.0	290.2	256.0	250.1	294.1	261.6	
March, 1948	243.7	236.0	265.4	300.0	298.7	298.7	266.3	268.7	282.6	264.0	
February, 1949	267.2	260.4	290.1	223.5	240.7	342.0	243.8	236.1	269.8	218.7	
March, 1949	271.2	258.2	307.3	270.3	342.0	342.0	269.0	267.9	289.9	266.6	

Year and Month	GROCERIES							FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
March, 1946	187.6	227.9	163.1	190.9	173.4	203.2	297.5	231.7	321.1	284.2	
March, 1947	215.7	254.8	184.6	212.9	202.4	250.7	261.2	243.4	259.8	263.2	
March, 1948	226.3	272.1	192.9	226.3	198.8	295.6	216.3	206.6	237.2	191.1	
February, 1949	211.6	230.9	161.5	217.0	198.5	280.2	211.0	202.5	208.7	215.3	
March, 1949	241.9	267.6	185.6	245.1	223.3	307.7	255.5	246.1	273.5	230.3	

Year and Month	HARDWARE							TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces		
March, 1946	283.8	225.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	271.7	273.3	260.5	265.8		
March, 1947	335.5	297.8	305.6	314.4	352.5	281.2	291.9	269.4	271.6		
March, 1948	351.6	329.4	346.2	354.6	341.6	343.3	387.1	319.2	329.2		
February, 1949	321.4	269.4	297.2	327.8	322.4	283.8	284.0	298.1	259.5		
March, 1949	374.8	320.8	339.6	396.9	371.7	352.6	375.9	327.2	348.3		

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Sales of wholesalers in April, 1949 were 2% higher in dollar volume than in April a year ago and 2% above March, 1949 according to statements submitted by 368 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Sales for the first four months were 3% in excess of the volume in the corresponding period of 1948. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935 - 1939 = 100) stood at 290.7 for April, 1949, 285.4 for April, 1948, and 283.4 for March, 1949.

Trends in the different regions of the country showed considerable variation. Wholesalers in the Prairie Provinces recorded the greatest increase at 14%, while Ontario wholesalers' sales were up 2%. A decline of 4% was reported for Quebec, while in British Columbia sales were down 6% and in the Maritime Provinces, 8%.

The chart displays percentage changes for ten business categories. The left side shows changes compared to the previous month, while the right side shows changes compared to the same month a year ago. Sales are represented by dark bars and inventories by light bars.

KIND OF BUSINESS	COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS MONTH						COMPARED WITH SAME MONTH A YEAR AGO					
	-20%	-10%	0	+10%	+20%	+30% +40%	-20%	-10%	0	+10%	+20%	+30% +40%
WHOLESALE TRADE												
AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT												
DRUGS												
CLOTHING												
FOOTWEAR												
DRY GOODS												
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES												
GROCERIES												
HARDWARE												
TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY												

### Footwear and Fruit and Vegetable Wholesalers' Sales Improved

Footwear wholesalers and fruit and vegetable wholesalers recorded sales 21% and 18% higher respectively than the dollar volumes recorded in April, 1948. Clothing wholesalers also reported an increase in sales of 10% after having been below 1948 for the first three months of the year.

Drug wholesalers' sales were up 9%, while automotive equipment and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers both reported gains of 8% over April a year ago.

Dollar sales of hardware wholesalers were 2% below April, 1947, the only part of the country to register increased sales in this trade being the Prairie Provinces with a gain of 6%. The same situation prevailed in the wholesale dry goods and groceries trades, where all regions recorded decreases except the Prairie Provinces. Dollar sales of dry goods wholesalers for all Canada were down 3% from last April, while the Western Provinces showed an increase of 7%. In the grocery trade, sales for Canada registered a drop of 7%, while sales in the Prairie Provinces were up by 5%.

### Inventories up 10%

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers in the nine trades surveyed were valued 10% higher at the end of April, 1949 than at the corresponding date a year ago.

The largest increase in value of stocks on hand compared with last year was reported by hardware wholesalers at 19%. Stocks of tobacco and confectionery and dry goods wholesalers also registered substantial increases of 17%. Automotive equipment wholesalers' stocks were valued 7% higher and grocery wholesalers 6%, while a minor increase of 2% was recorded by fruit and vegetable wholesalers.

Footwear wholesalers' stocks were 19% lower than at the same date a year ago, while clothing wholesalers reported a decrease of 3%.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				INVENTORY April, 1949 April, 1948
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	March, 1949 March, 1948	April, 1949 April, 1948	April, 1949 March, 1949	Jan.-to- Apr., 1949 Jan.-to- Apr., 1948	
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 6.0	+ 7.8	+15.0	+ 4.9	+ 7.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-15.1	-13.9	+18.0	-10.5	
Ontario .....	+ 6.0	+ 3.2	+ 8.9	+ 3.9	
Western Provinces .....	+15.6	+21.8	+21.8	+12.2	
Drugs .....	+11.5	+ 9.4	+16.3	+ 9.3	(x)
Maritimes, Que. & Ont. ...	+10.0	+10.6	+19.1	+ 9.9	
Western Provinces .....	+15.1	+ 6.7	+ 7.8	+ 8.0	
Clothing .....	- 8.4	+10.4	+ 1.1	- 8.7	- 2.7
Quebec .....	-18.6	+20.1			
Ont. and Western Provinces	- 2.4	+ 3.7			
Footwear .....	+15.0	+21.3	+ 2.0	- 1.9	-19.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+19.9	+23.7			
Ont. and Western Provinces	+11.7	+19.4			
Dry Goods .....	+ 1.1	- 2.5	- 6.1	- 7.0	+17.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 0.2	- 4.6	- 5.3	- 8.8	
Ontario .....	+ 6.6	- 5.7	-14.7	- 5.5	
Western Provinces .....	+ 1.0	+ 6.9	-12.2	- 4.4	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+18.0	+17.9	+ 7.0	+12.3	+ 2.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+16.7	+ 1.8	+ 7.3	+ 5.5	
Ontario .....	+16.0	+24.7	+29.6	+13.2	
Western Provinces .....	+21.0	+20.5	+13.4	+15.9	
Groceries .....	+ 6.9	- 6.7	- 2.3	+ 0.9	+ 5.6
Maritimes .....	+ 5.7	-12.6	-11.1	- 1.7	
Quebec .....	- 3.9	-17.5	+ 1.9	-10.5	
Ontario .....	+ 8.5	-11.6	- 7.8	+ 0.8	
Prairies .....	+12.4	+ 5.1	+ 2.6	+ 6.8	
British Columbia .....	+ 4.1	- 1.9	+ 2.5	+ 3.7	
Hardware .....	+ 6.6	- 1.5	- 1.3	+ 2.5	+19.3
Maritimes .....	- 2.6	- 9.4	+14.4	+ 1.5	
Quebec .....	- 1.8	- 5.5	- 1.0	- 0.3	
Ontario .....	+12.5	+ 6.2	+ 3.3	+ 8.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.8	- 3.0	- 1.5	+ 0.6	
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+ 2.8	+ 7.8	+ 5.8	+ 4.6	+16.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 2.9	+ 5.2	+14.7	+ 1.9	
Ontario .....	+ 2.5	+ 2.7	+ 6.3	+ 2.8	
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.2	+14.9	- 4.7	+ 7.9	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 3.1	- 8.1	- 0.5	- 0.5	
Quebec .....	+ 0.9	- 4.0	+ 0.8	- 3.5	
Ontario .....	+ 8.0	+ 2.4	+ 5.9	+ 3.9	
Prairies .....	+14.8	+13.9	+ 2.0	+10.1	
British Columbia .....	+ 0.9	- 5.9	+ 2.7	- 2.5	
CANADA .....	+ 7.0	+ 1.7	+ 2.4	+ 2.7	+10.4

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**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

WHOLESALE TRADE										
AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT										
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1946	238.5	245.8	223.2	245.5	233.3	259.0	344.4	337.3	291.0	406.1
April, 1947	269.0	291.0	257.1	275.0	252.0	305.9	360.9	411.5	308.8	396.8
April, 1948	285.4	297.7	281.5	298.1	247.2	344.4	361.6	412.3	371.5	353.2
March, 1949	283.4	275.0	268.0	288.4	276.0	315.5	339.0	300.9	352.0	353.2
April, 1949	290.3	273.6	270.2	305.3	281.6	324.1	389.8	355.0	383.4	430.2

DRUGS										
CLOTHING FOOTWEAR										
DRY GOODS										
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont. Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1946	235.8	226.9	255.7	213.7	321.5	193.4	193.4	199.2	196.8	172.3
April, 1947	248.8	240.5	266.4	270.3	294.2	282.0	282.0	291.8	294.0	239.2
April, 1948	288.9	279.5	308.5	251.6	288.9	259.2	259.2	266.4	272.5	218.9
March, 1949	271.7	259.6	305.5	274.8	343.5	269.2	269.2	268.2	301.3	266.6
April, 1949	316.1	309.1	329.2	277.8	350.4	252.7	252.7	254.1	257.0	234.0

GROCERIES										
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES										
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1946	190.1	220.9	170.4	193.4	173.8	212.6	288.6	311.7	324.7	303.5
April, 1947	222.6	279.4	188.3	233.8	191.0	259.4	257.1	271.8	294.2	269.2
April, 1948	253.3	292.5	229.0	256.0	218.1	321.4	231.6	254.1	286.0	217.5
March, 1949	241.0	287.6	185.4	245.5	223.5	307.7	255.2	241.1	275.2	231.2
April, 1949	236.3	255.6	188.9	226.3	229.2	315.3	273.1	258.7	356.6	262.1

HARDWARE									
TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April, 1946	279.0	271.1	253.3	282.4	289.5	294.6	291.8	280.1	275.0
April, 1947	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	308.4	347.0	292.4	272.8
April, 1948	375.7	405.1	356.2	387.9	377.6	346.3	409.8	338.6	289.8
March, 1949	374.8	320.8	340.0	398.9	371.7	352.9	375.9	327.2	349.6
April, 1949	370.1	367.0	336.6	411.9	366.3	373.3	431.1	347.7	333.0

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# WHOLESALE TRADE

MAY 1949

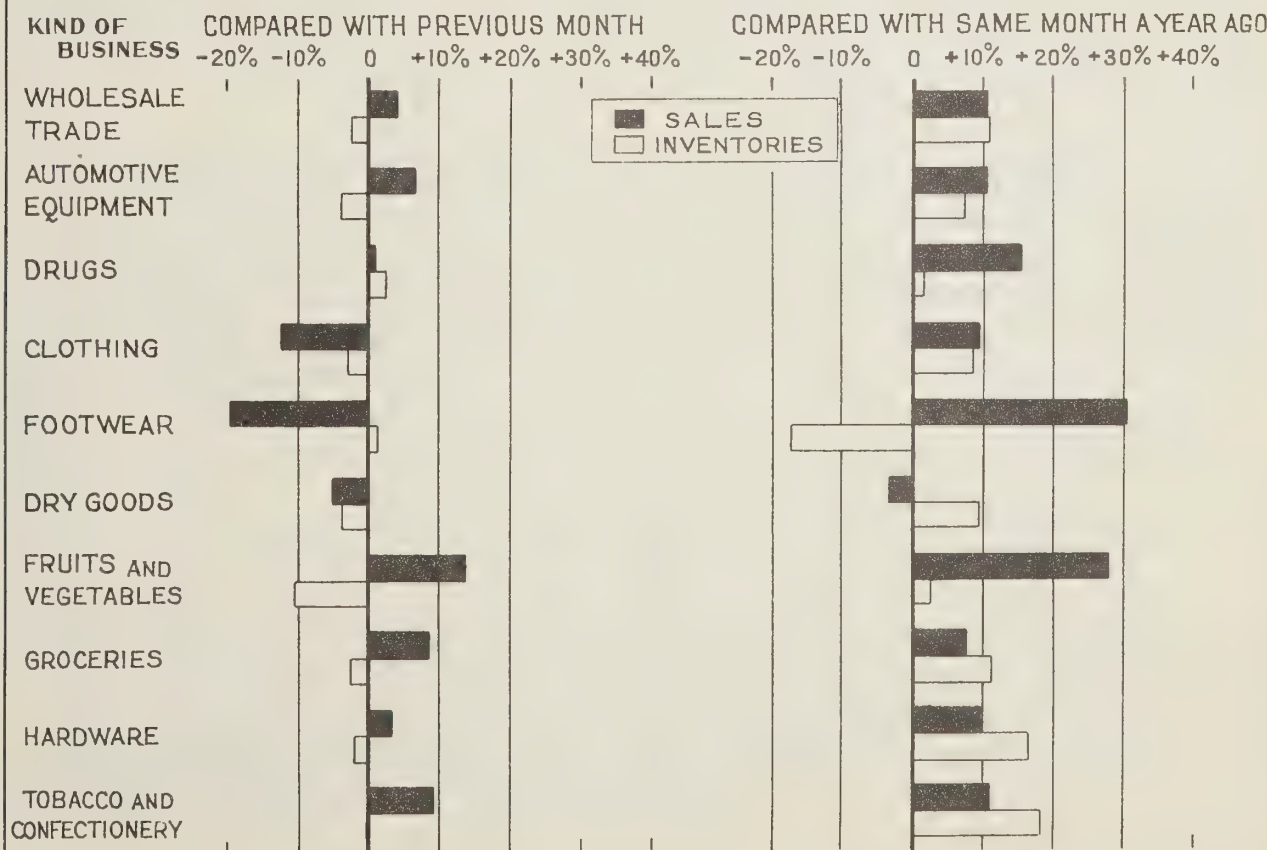
Dollar Sales Increased 11% Over May, 1948

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in May, 1949 advanced 11% above the volume for May, 1948 and 4% above April, 1949 according to statements submitted by 382 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The cumulative sales volume for the first five months of 1949 was 5% in excess of that for the corresponding period of 1948. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935 - 1939 = 100) stood at 303.3 for May, 1949, 274.2 for May, 1948, and 291.7 for April, 1949.

All regions registered increased sales in May, 1949 compared with May a year ago, with the Prairie Provinces continuing to show the greatest gain at 17%. Ontario sales volume was up 12% while wholesalers in British Columbia reported an increase in dollar volume of 8%. Smaller gains of 3% and 5% were recorded for the Maritime Provinces and Quebec respectively.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

MAY 1949





Footwear wholesalers continued to lead the individual trades with an increase in dollar volume of sales over May, 1948 of 30%, followed closely by fruit and vegetable dealers with a gain of 28%. Sales of drug wholesalers were 15% above the May, 1948 dollar volume while gains in the tobacco and confectionery, automotive equipment, hardware, clothing, and groceries trades ranged downward from 11% to 8%.

Dry goods wholesalers again registered a lower sales volume than in the corresponding month a year ago but the 4% decrease reported for May was somewhat lower than the 6% drop recorded for the year to date.

### Inventories

Wholesalers' inventories in the nine lines of trade surveyed were 11% higher in dollar value at the end of May, 1949 than at the corresponding date a year ago.

Tobacco and confectionery and hardware wholesalers continued to record the greatest increases in value of stocks on hand compared with last year with gains of 18% and 16%. Footwear wholesalers' stocks were down 18% in dollar value from May 31, 1948 but all other trades surveyed registered increases as follows: groceries, 11%; dry goods, 9%; clothing, 9%; automotive equipment, 7%; fruits and vegetables, 3%; and drugs, 2%.

### Stocks-Sales Ratio in the Grocery Trade

Stocks-sales ratios for the wholesale grocery trade which have been published in the bulletin "Current Trends in Food Distribution" (discontinued) will henceforth be given in this report.

Stocks held by wholesale grocers at the beginning of May are normally 26% in excess of sales in that month (based on the average for the years 1936 - 1942). Stocks on hand at the beginning of May this year were valued 6% higher than the sales for that month whereas at the same date last year the stocks on hand were 11% in excess of the May sales.

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# Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)	May,	Jan.-to-	
	April, 1949	May, 1949	1949	May, 1949	
	April, 1948	May, 1948	April, 1949	Jan.-to- May, 1948	May, 1949 May, 1948
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 7.4	+10.4	+ 6.6	+ 6.0	+ 7.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-14.7	-16.9	+27.7	-12.4	
Ontario .....	+ 2.9	+16.9	- 1.7	+ 6.3	
Western Provinces .....	+22.3	+17.3	+ 6.5	+13.5	
Drugs .....	+ 9.4	+15.3	+ 0.9	+10.5	+ 1.5
Maritimes, Que. & Ont. ...	+10.4	+16.5	+ 1.0	+11.2	
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.7	+12.0	+ 1.6	+ 8.8	
Clothing .....	+10.5	+ 9.4	-12.6	- 5.6	+ 8.5
Quebec .....	+20.1	+ 6.3			
Ont. and Western Provinces	+ 4.0	+12.5			
Footwear .....	+21.3	+30.4	-19.8	+ 3.3	-17.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+23.7	+32.0			
Ont. and Western Provinces	+19.4	+29.0			
Dry Goods .....	- 2.4	- 3.6	- 5.2	- 6.3	+ 9.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 4.3	- 7.5	-11.4	- 8.5	
Ontario .....	- 5.7	- 0.8	+ 1.2	- 4.6	
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.9	- 0.3	+ 0.9	- 3.7	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+18.1	+27.9	+13.9	+15.9	+ 2.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 1.8	+32.3	+16.9	+11.3	
Ontario .....	+24.7	+22.7	-11.5	+15.2	
Western Provinces .....	+21.2	+31.3	+12.7	+19.8	
Groceries .....	- 6.7	+ 7.6	+ 8.7	+ 2.3	+11.2
Maritimes .....	-12.1	+ 2.6	+14.2	- 0.6	
Quebec .....	-18.1	+ 1.3	+13.7	- 8.1	
Ontario .....	-11.1	+ 7.8	+17.1	+ 2.5	
Prairies .....	+ 5.2	+ 9.0	+ 5.5	+ 7.3	
British Columbia .....	- 1.9	+15.0	- 2.0	+ 5.8	
Hardware .....	+ 1.8	+ 9.5	+ 3.3	+ 4.7	+16.3
Maritimes .....	- 7.7	+ 4.8	- 1.4	+ 2.7	
Quebec .....	- 5.5	+ 2.0	- 1.9	+ 0.2	
Ontario .....	+ 6.2	+16.0	+ 5.1	+10.3	
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.3	+10.2	+ 8.7	+ 4.3	
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+ 8.0	+11.0	+ 9.3	+ 6.1	+18.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 5.5	+10.7	-10.8	+ 3.7	
Ontario .....	+ 2.9	+ 7.4	+21.0	+ 3.9	
Western Provinces .....	+14.7	+15.0	+11.6	+ 9.3	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	- 7.2	+ 2.8	+13.4	+ 0.5	
Quebec .....	- 4.7	+ 5.0	- 1.3	- 1.9	
Ontario .....	+ 2.5	+12.3	+11.4	+ 5.8	
Prairies .....	+15.6	+16.5	+ 4.9	+11.9	
British Columbia .....	- 5.8	+ 7.7	+ 7.4	- 0.4	
CANADA .....	+ 2.3	+10.6	+ 4.0	+ 4.5	+10.9

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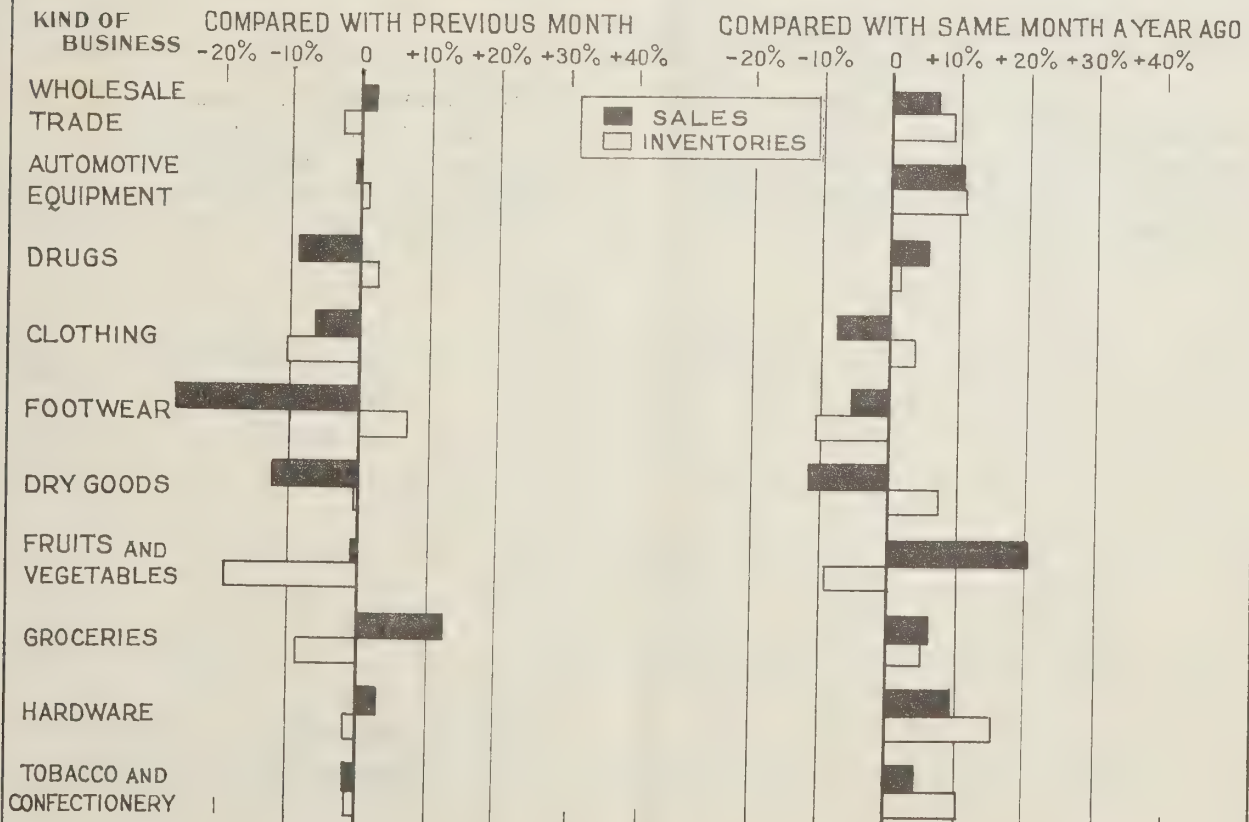
JUNE 1949

## Dollar Sales Increased 7% Over June, 1948

Dollar sales of wholesalers in June, 1949 were 7% higher than in June, 1948 and 2% above the dollar volume for May, 1949 according to returns submitted by 369 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the first six months of 1949 were 5% over the volume for the corresponding period of 1948. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 309.4 for June, 1949, 290.0 for June, 1948, and 303.0 for May, 1948.

Continuing the trend of the past few months, the Prairie Provinces recorded the greatest increase over last year with sales up 10%. Ontario and British Columbia followed with gains of 8% and 7% respectively. Wholesalers in Quebec recorded an increase of 2% in dollar volume of sales while practically no change from June, 1948 was registered in the Maritime Provinces.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES JUNE 1949



Dollar sales of fruits and vegetables were maintained at a level considerably above that for June, 1948 with a gain of 21%, while automotive equipment and hardware dealers recorded increases over June last year of 10% and 9% respectively. Sales of grocery wholesalers were 7% higher in dollar volume than in the same month a year ago with gains of 5% and 4% being reported by drug wholesalers and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers.

The dry goods and apparel trades reported a drop in sales with footwear wholesalers' sales down 5%, clothing wholesalers' sales 8% below last year and a decrease of 12% in dry goods wholesalers' sales.

### Inventories

Inventories of wholesalers in the nine lines of trade surveyed at the end of June, 1949 were 9% higher in dollar value than at the corresponding date in 1948. Hardware wholesalers reported the greatest increase in value of stocks on hand at 15%. Stocks of automotive equipment and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers were both valued 11% higher than at June 30, 1948. Dry goods, grocery, clothing and drug wholesalers all registered increases in value of inventories compared with the same date a year ago with gains ranging from 7% to 2%.

Fruit and vegetable dealers' inventories were down 9%, while footwear wholesalers reported a drop of 11% in value of stocks on hand.

### Stocks-Sales Ratios in the Grocery Trade

Stocks held by wholesale grocers at the beginning of June are normally 20% in excess of sales in that month (based on the average for the years 1936-1942). Stocks on hand at the beginning of June this year were valued 1% lower than the sales for that month whereas at the same date last year, the stocks on hand were 4% in excess of the June sales.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

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	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	May, 1949	June 1949	June 1949	Jan.-to- June, 1949	
	May, 1948	June 1948	May 1949	Jan.-to- June, 1948	
Automotive Equipment .....	+10.5	+10.4	- 0.8	+ 6.8	+10.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-16.9	+ 7.5	- 4.5	- 9.1	
Ontario .....	+17.3	+11.8	+ 3.9	+ 7.3	
Western Provinces .....	+16.6	+10.4	- 1.5	+12.8	
Drugs .....	+14.5	+ 5.1	- 9.0	+ 9.5	+ 1.7
Maritimes, Que. & Ont. ...	+16.4	+ 4.2	-13.5	+10.0	
Western Provinces .....	+10.3	+ 7.2	+ 2.8	+ 8.2	
Clothing .....	+ 7.0	- 7.9	- 6.5	- 6.3	+ 3.7
Quebec .....	+ 6.3	- 3.1			
Ont. and Western Provinces	+ 7.5	-11.8			
Footwear .....	+30.2	- 5.3	-26.2	+ 2.1	-10.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+32.0	-20.2			
Ont. and Western Provinces	+28.9	+ 9.2			
Dry Goods .....	- 3.4	-11.9	-12.4	- 7.2	+ 7.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 7.5	-14.1	- 5.0	- 9.4	
Ontario .....	- 0.3	- 5.7	-13.3	- 4.7	
Western Provinces .....	- 0.3	-17.0	-25.0	- 5.7	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+28.5	+20.8	- 0.9	+17.0	- 9.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+32.3	+17.6	- 8.6	+12.4	
Ontario .....	+23.1	+10.1	- 0.9	+14.3	
Western Provinces .....	+32.3	+34.3	+ 7.8	+22.9	
Groceries .....	+ 7.1	+ 6.5	+12.8	+ 3.0	+ 5.1
Maritimes .....	+ 2.7	- 0.6	+ 4.5	- 0.6	
Quebec .....	- 1.8	+ 3.9	+14.2	- 6.3	
Ontario .....	+ 8.1	+ 9.6	+15.3	+ 3.9	
Prairies .....	+ 8.7	+ 8.0	+10.8	+ 7.4	
British Columbia .....	+15.0	+ 5.5	+13.3	+ 5.7	
Hardware .....	+ 9.6	+ 9.3	+ 3.0	+ 5.6	+15.6
Maritimes .....	+ 4.8	- 0.1	- 5.7	+ 2.2	
Quebec .....	+ 3.0	+ 2.2	+12.5	+ 0.7	
Ontario .....	+16.0	+12.8	+ 6.2	+10.7	
Western Provinces .....	+10.2	+12.3	- 1.2	+ 5.7	
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+10.9	+ 4.4	- 1.7	+ 5.8	+10.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+10.7	+ 6.5	+11.7	+ 4.3	
Ontario .....	+ 7.5	+ 6.8	- 7.4	+ 4.5	
Western Provinces .....	+14.7	+ 1.2	(x)	+ 7.7	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 2.9	+ 0.1	- 3.0	+ 0.4	
Quebec .....	+ 4.8	+ 1.5	- 2.0	- 1.4	
Ontario .....	+12.3	+ 8.1	- 4.0	+ 6.2	
Prairies .....	+16.5	+10.4	+ 1.4	+11.6	
British Columbia .....	+ 7.6	+ 7.1	+ 5.4	+ 0.9	
CANADA .....	+10.5	+ 6.7	+ 2.1	+ 4.9	+ 9.0

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Quebec	Ontario	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1946	241.5	258.9	206.4	241.3	279.5	341.7	303.1	292.0	383.9
June, 1947	267.3	265.9	245.4	272.0	312.6	370.1	415.5	338.4	390.3
June, 1948	290.0	303.9	254.7	300.6	342.6	379.0	399.0	349.6	408.0
May, 1949	303.0	313.6	263.7	338.6	348.0	421.7	449.1	376.3	457.4
June, 1949	309.4	304.2	258.5	324.9	365.1	413.4	428.3	390.3	456.4

Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR					DRUGS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	Ontario	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1946	213.9	200.3	261.4	181.3	232.5	172.5	175.0	195.1	161.5
June, 1947	230.8	221.3	254.9	210.9	247.5	213.0	230.4	211.5	180.7
June, 1948	274.2	258.5	316.1	243.3	213.5	239.2	249.8	240.3	213.4
May, 1949	316.7	311.4	329.5	239.5	280.5	240.4	225.9	261.4	236.1
June, 1949	286.2	269.1	335.3	224.0	206.9	210.7	214.6	226.5	177.1

Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1946	203.1	244.8	165.6	207.3	190.5	329.1	329.4	304.2	347.5
June, 1947	238.8	255.6	213.3	248.1	300.7	317.3	384.5	306.5	315.9
June, 1948	269.4	308.8	224.6	276.4	331.7	256.1	235.6	281.5	242.0
May, 1949	254.4	293.8	204.3	262.8	308.9	312.1	303.2	312.7	301.4
June, 1949	286.9	306.9	233.4	302.9	349.9	309.4	277.1	309.9	325.0

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June, 1946	286.8	292.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.2	292.0	296.3	288.3
June, 1947	322.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	337.5	319.7	332.0	304.3	305.0
June, 1948	373.0	348.2	367.1	407.6	373.6	387.2	404.4	367.9	368.7
May, 1949	395.8	368.8	333.4	433.1	424.6	411.0	385.5	424.4	373.1
June, 1949	407.7	347.9	375.2	459.8	419.6	404.2	430.7	392.9	373.1

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## WHOLESALE TRADE

JULY 1949

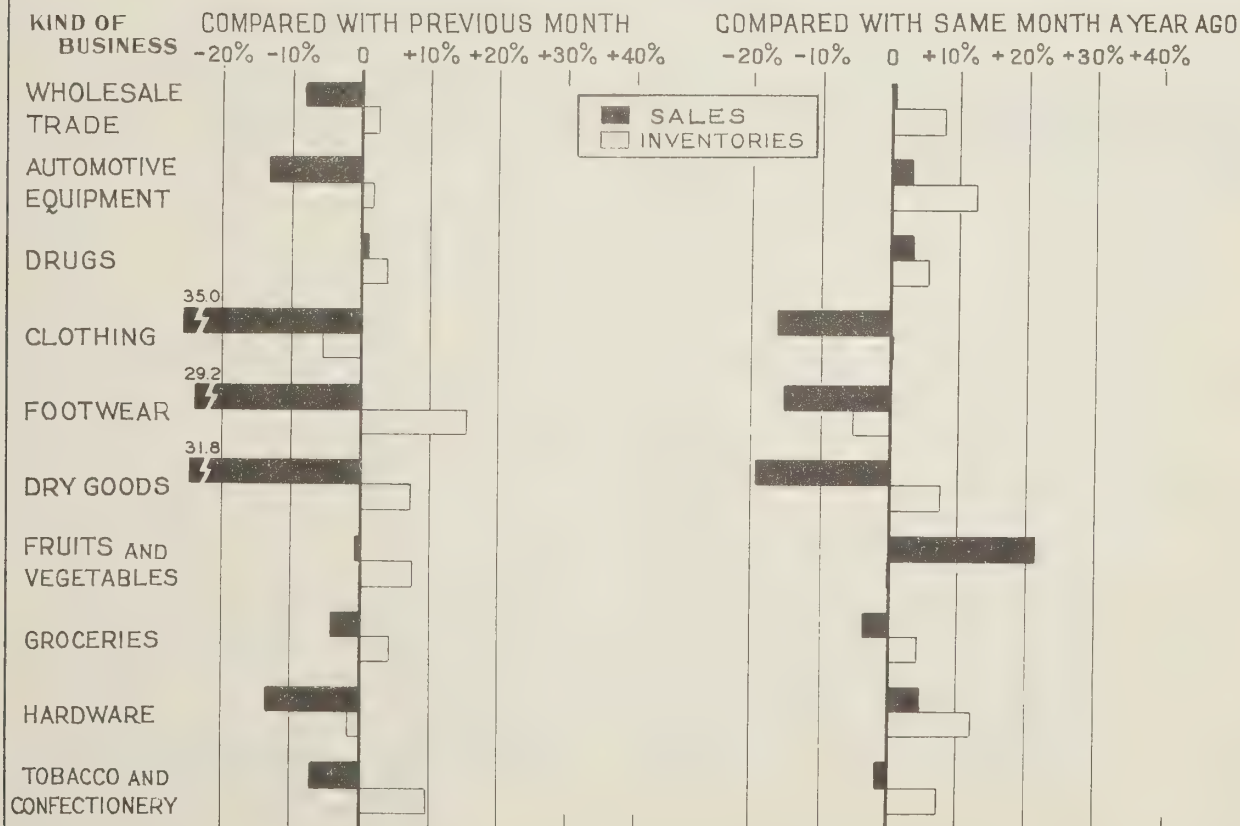
### Wholesale Sales 1% Above Last Year

Wholesale sales in July, 1949 were 1% above the volume for July, 1948 and 8% below June, 1949 according to statements submitted by 364 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the first seven months of 1949 were 4% in excess of sales in the corresponding period of 1948. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 285.2 for July, 1949, 283.5 for July, 1948, and 310.6 for June, 1949.

Only two of the five regions of the country showed increases in the composite sales for the nine trades. In the Prairie Provinces, a gain of 4% was recorded, while sales in Ontario were 2% above July, 1948. A decrease of 4% was registered for British Columbia and 7% for the Maritime Provinces, with Quebec sales remaining practically unchanged from July last year.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

JULY 1949



### Only 4 of 9 Trades Show Increases in Sales

Fruit and vegetable wholesalers, with sales 21% higher than in July, 1948, was the only trade to register a marked increase in dollar volume of sales over July a year ago. Lesser gains of 5%, 4%, and 3% were reported by hardware, drug, and automotive equipment wholesalers respectively.

Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers' sales were 2% lower than in July, 1948, while wholesalers of groceries showed a decline of 4% in dollar sales. The dry goods and clothing trades again reported sales considerably below the July, 1948 level. Footwear wholesalers' sales were down 15%; clothing wholesalers', 16%; while wholesalers of dry goods recorded a drop of 1.9%.

### Stocks on hand up 8%

The value of stocks on hand reported by the nine lines of trade at the end of July, 1949 was 8% above the value at the corresponding date in 1948. Automotive equipment and hardware wholesalers reported the largest increases in value of stocks on hand at 13% and 12% respectively. Tobacco and confectionery, dry goods, drug, and grocery wholesalers reported increases of between 7% and 4%, while the value of stocks held by clothing and fruit and vegetable dealers was practically unchanged from the value at July 31, 1948. Footwear wholesalers showed inventories valued 5% lower than last year.

### Stock-Sales Ratio in the Wholesale Grocery Trade

Stocks held by wholesale grocers at the beginning of July are normally 7% in excess of the sales for that month (based on the average for the years 1936-1942). Stocks in the hands of wholesale grocers at the beginning of July, 1949 were valued 9% lower than the sales for that month, whereas at the same date last year, stocks on hand were 20% lower than the sales volume for July.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	June, 1949 June, 1948	July, 1949 July, 1948	July, 1949 June, 1949	Jan.-to- July, 1949 Jan.-to- July, 1948	
				July, 1949 July, 1948	
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 9.5	+ 3.1	-13.3	+ 6.1	+ 12.8
Maritimes and Quebec....	+ 3.2	- 8.1	- 9.2	- 9.6	
Ontario .....	+11.1	+ 7.6	- 1.1	+ 7.2	
Western Provinces .....	+10.4	+ 3.6	-26.3	+11.5	
Drugs .....	+ 5.4	+ 3.5	+ 1.0	+ 8.6	+ 5.6
Maritimes, Que. & Ont....	+ 4.9	+ 3.8	+ 1.3	+ 9.2	
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.8	+ 2.7	+ 1.0	+ 7.3	
Clothing .....	- 5.7	-16.4	-35.0	- 7.0	+ 0.3
Quebec .....	- 3.1	- 4.7			
Ont. and Western Provinces	- 7.6	-21.3			
Footwear .....	- 5.6	-15.4	-29.2	+ 0.3	- 5.4
Maritimes and Quebec....	-20.2	-22.8			
Ont. and Western Provinces	+ 6.6	- 9.0			
Dry Goods .....	-11.5	-19.4	-31.8	- 8.4	+ 7.2
Maritimes and Quebec ...	-13.7	-21.4	-47.0	-10.4	
Ontario .....	- 5.7	-16.5	-30.8	- 5.9	
Western Provinces .....	-15.3	-19.8	+ 5.7	- 7.5	
Fruits and Vegetables ...	+20.8	+21.2	- 1.0	+17.6	- 0.2
Maritimes and Quebec ...	+16.5	+15.2	-12.6	+12.7	
Ontario .....	+ 9.3	+15.6	+ 0.5	+14.3	
Western Provinces .....	+36.7	+29.0	+ 4.5	+24.4	
Groceries .....	+ 7.5	- 3.7	- 4.3	+ 2.1	+ 4.1
Maritimes .....	- 0.5	- 7.1	+ 0.6	-1.7	
Quebec .....	+ 3.4	- 0.3	- 6.2	- 5.5	
Ontario .....	+10.3	+ 1.7	- 4.7	+ 3.6	
Prairies .....	+ 7.3	- 7.0	+ 2.4	+ 4.6	
British Columbia .....	+12.9	- 9.7	-18.0	+ 4.4	
Hardware .....	+ 9.3	+ 4.6	-13.5	+ 5.4	+ 12.2
Maritimes .....	- 0.1	+ 0.3	- 8.1	+ 1.9	
Quebec .....	+ 2.2	+ 3.3	-15.9	+ 1.0	
Ontario .....	+12.8	+ 1.1	-28.0	+ 9.5	
Western Provinces .....	+12.3	+ 7.6	- 7.8	+ 6.0	
Tobacco and Confectionery, ..	+ 4.6	- 1.9	- 7.0	+ 4.6	+ 7.1
Maritimes and Quebec ...	+ 6.5	- 3.8	-15.8	+ 3.1	
Ontario .....	+ 6.9	- 1.1	- 8.1	+ 3.6	
Western Provinces .....	+ 1.6	- 1.8	- 1.1	+ 6.2	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 0.4	- 6.7	- 2.4	- 0.7	
Quebec .....	+ 1.3	- 0.1	-11.0	- 1.3	
Ontario .....	+ 8.2	+ 1.8	-11.2	+ 5.6	
Prairies .....	+10.6	+ 3.9	- 0.7	+10.3	
British Columbia .....	+10.0	- 3.8	-10.2	+ 0.6	
CANADA .....	+ 7.1	+ 0.6	- 8.2	+ 4.3	+ 7.9

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**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

WHOLESALE TRADE											AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces					
July, 1946 ..	250.8	281.5	216.8	249.3	263.8	279.9	322.4	408.3	302.5	307.4					
July, 1947 ..	276.9	298.7	241.3	279.2	282.5	322.7	348.2	391.6	365.4	316.3					
July, 1948 ..	283.5	319.3	229.7	283.7	293.2	351.7	349.2	406.9	357.0	320.4					
June, 1949 ..	310.6	305.1	258.0	325.2	306.8	376.9	415.0	411.8	388.4	450.4					
July, 1949 ..	285.2	297.9	229.5	288.8	304.6	336.3	360.0	373.9	384.1	331.9					

CLOTHING											DRUGS				
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces					
July, 1946 ..	234.4	227.6	253.2	172.4	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7						
July, 1947 ..	256.0	248.1	278.3	196.0	216.3	180.8	145.0	200.2	229.4						
July, 1948 ..	282.1	264.7	332.0	178.2	172.6	179.0	145.3	187.8	238.7						
June, 1949 ..	269.0	271.2	337.6	229.3	206.3	211.7	215.6	226.6	180.7						
July, 1949 ..	292.0	274.8	341.0	149.0	146.0	144.3	114.2	156.8	191.0						

GROCERIES											FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces					
July, 1946 ..	220.6	275.9	198.7	220.8	208.3	225.7	240.5	290.9	330.0	382.0					
July, 1947 ..	262.5	305.7	240.4	266.3	243.1	285.7	329.3	270.5	326.4	370.2					
July, 1948 ..	287.7	332.6	218.5	285.7	293.4	340.0	252.6	208.3	267.6	268.0					
June, 1949 ..	289.6	307.3	232.2	304.9	266.6	374.5	309.4	274.5	307.7	330.8					
July, 1949 ..	277.1	309.0	217.8	290.6	272.9	307.0	306.2	240.0	309.3	340.7					

HARDWARE											TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces						
July, 1946 ..	281.8	257.2	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.6	300.0	305.4	313.9						
July, 1947 ..	310.5	279.1	272.1	299.9	339.7	339.8	353.4	310.5	330.5						
July, 1948 ..	337.2	318.7	305.6	327.5	359.4	384.0	377.1	365.3	377.1						
June, 1949 ..	407.7	347.9	375.2	459.8	410.6	405.0	430.7	393.3	374.6						
July, 1949 ..	352.7	319.7	315.7	331.1	386.7	376.7	362.8	361.3	370.3						



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# WHOLESALE TRADE

## AUGUST 1949

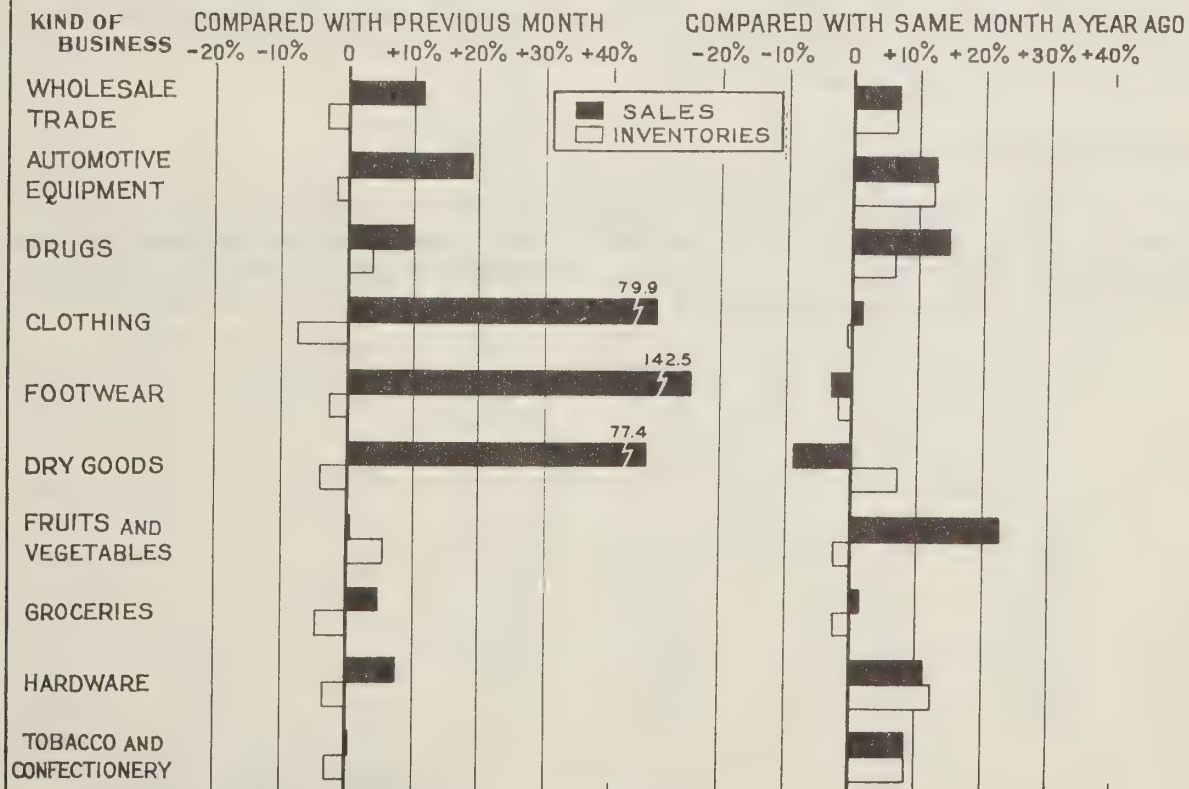
### Dollar Sales up 7% from 1948

Dollar sales of wholesalers in August, 1949 were 7% above dollar volume in August, 1948, and 11% above sales in July, 1949. These figures are based on statements submitted by 376 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the first eight months of 1949 were 5% in excess of sales during the corresponding period of 1948. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 316.9 for August, 1949, 296.7 for August, 1948, and 284.9 for July, 1949.

Gains were recorded for all regions of the country and ranged from 11% for the Prairie Provinces, through 6% for British Columbia and Ontario, to 4% and 3% respectively for Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

### AUGUST 1949





### Increases Greater in August than in July

A general widening of the margin of increase and smaller decreases were evident in August compared with July. Seven of the nine trades recorded increased sales over August 1948 while only two trades showed lower sales in August this year than last.

Fruit and vegetable wholesalers again reported the largest increase over a year ago at 23%. Drug, automotive equipment, and hardware wholesalers' sales increased 14%, 12%, and 11% respectively, while tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported sales 9% above August, 1948. Sales of clothing wholesalers and grocery wholesalers were both up 2%.

Footwear wholesalers indicated dollar sales 3% lower in August than in the same month a year ago, while a drop of 9% from last year was recorded for dry goods wholesalers.

### Inventories 7% Higher

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers in the nine trades included in the survey were valued 7% higher at the end of August, 1949 than at the corresponding date a year ago and 3% lower than at July 31, 1949. Five of the nine trades contributed to this increase. Stocks held by wholesalers of hardware and automotive equipment were 13% and 12% respectively greater in dollar value than the inventory value a year ago. Inventories of tobacco and confectionery wholesalers were up 9% while a 7% increase was registered by dry goods and drug wholesalers.

Fruit and vegetable dealers and grocery wholesalers both showed a decrease of 3% in value of stocks on hand, while footwear wholesalers' inventories were down 2% in value and those of clothing wholesalers were 1% below the value at August 31, 1948.

### Stocks-Sales Ratio in the Wholesale Grocery Trade

Stocks held by wholesale grocers at the beginning of August are normally 11% in excess of sales for that month (based on the average for the years 1936-1942). Stocks in the hands of wholesale grocers at the beginning of August this year were valued 9% lower than the sales for that month.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				
	SALES			INVENTORY	
	(1) July, 1949 <u>July,</u> 1948	(2) August, 1949 <u>August,</u> 1948	August, 1949 <u>July,</u> 1949	Jan. - to - August, 1949 <u>Jan. - to -</u> August, 1948	Aug. 1949 <u>Aug., 1948</u>
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 1.9	+12.4	+18.8	+ 6.8	+12.2
Maritimes and Quebec.....	-11.1	+ 4.1	+13.9	- 8.2	
Ontario .....	+ 6.8	+24.2	+ 4.7	+ 9.1	
Western Provinces .....	+ 3.2	+ 7.4	+32.5	+10.9	
Drugs .....	+ 3.3	+14.4	+ 9.8	+ 9.3	+ 6.6
Maritimes, Que. & Ont.....	+ 3.5	+14.8	+12.6	+ 9.9	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.7	+13.5	+ 2.8	+ 8.1	
Clothing .....	-16.1	+ 1.7	+79.9	- 5.8	- 0.7
Quebec .....	- 4.7	+ 3.4			
Ont. and Western Provinces	-20.7	+ 0.7			
Footwear .....	-15.8	- 3.1	+142.5	- 0.3	- 2.0
Maritimes and Quebec ....	-22.6	- 0.5			
Ont. and Western Provinces	- 9.9	- 5.2			
Dry Goods .....	-18.2	- 8.7	+77.4	- 8.3	+ 7.2
Maritimes and Quebec ....	-20.3	-11.5	+86.3	-10.5	
Ontario .....	-14.2	- 6.2	+89.4	- 5.8	
Western Provinces .....	-19.8	- 8.1	+44.5	- 7.6	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+20.5	+22.7	+ 0.4	+18.2	- 2.5
Maritimes and Quebec ....	+14.9	+15.9	-18.7	+12.9	
Ontario .....	+14.4	+10.7	-16.8	+13.8	
Western Provinces .....	+29.0	+33.4	+23.1	+25.9	
Groceries .....	- 3.8	+ 1.5	+ 4.8	+ 2.0	- 2.7
Maritimes .....	- 6.8	+ 0.6	+ 1.9	- 1.3	
Quebec .....	- 0.3	+ 3.8	+ 8.4	- 4.2	
Ontario .....	+ 1.2	- 1.1	- 0.6	+ 2.9	
Prairies .....	- 7.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.4	+ 3.9	
British Columbia .....	- 8.9	+ 9.9	+18.0	+ 5.3	
Hardware .....	+ 4.4	+11.3	+ 7.4	+ 6.1	+12.5
Maritimes .....	+ 0.3	+ 9.7	+ 7.6	+ 2.9	
Quebec .....	+ 3.5	+ 9.2	+10.2	+ 2.1	
Ontario .....	+ 0.4	+15.8	+ 3.5	+10.0	
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.6	+10.4	+ 3.4	+ 6.5	
Tobacco and Confectionery..	- 1.7	+ 8.7	+ 0.3	+ 5.1	+ 8.8
Maritimes and Quebec ....	- 3.8	+11.2	+ 3.1	+ 4.0	
Ontario .....	- 1.0	+ 7.7	+ 5.9	+ 4.2	
Western Provinces .....	- 1.4	+ 8.6	- 1.9	+ 6.5	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	- 6.5	+ 2.6	+ 4.8	- 0.2	
Quebec .....	- 0.2	+ 4.4	+13.6	- 0.6	
Ontario .....	+ 1.4	+ 5.6	+ 7.4	+ 5.5	
Prairies .....	+ 3.8	+11.3	+14.4	+10.5	
British Columbia .....	- 3.6	+ 5.8	+ 8.0	+ 1.3	
CANADA .....	+ 0.5	+ 6.8	+11.2	+ 4.6	+ 6.6

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(2) Preliminary

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**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935-1939=100)

WHOLESALE TRADE										
AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT										
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1946 ..	262.7	265.0	224.7	257.6	285.7	283.8	334.2	368.9	288.8	353.7
August, 1947 ..	272.2	276.1	236.6	266.4	287.7	306.8	379.0	450.4	332.1	382.7
August, 1948 ..	296.7	304.8	249.4	292.5	312.7	346.1	376.0	395.9	321.5	408.0
July, 1949 ...	284.9	298.5	229.2	287.7	304.3	339.0	355.8	361.7	381.3	330.7
August, 1949 ..	316.9	312.7	260.4	308.9	348.0	366.2	422.6	412.1	399.3	438.2
DRUGS										
CLOTHING FOOTWEAR										
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1946 ..	250.9	243.9	268.6	266.2	328.6	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2
August, 1947 ..	241.9	229.0	276.1	262.7	334.8	334.8	237.7	198.0	276.2	256.2
August, 1948 ..	279.6	268.6	309.0	264.5	363.6	363.6	284.5	243.7	325.4	300.3
July, 1949 ....	291.4	274.0	341.0	149.5	145.3	145.3	146.4	115.8	161.1	191.0
August, 1949 ..	319.9	308.4	350.7	269.0	352.3	352.3	259.7	215.7	305.2	276.0
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES										
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1946 ..	224.9	255.9	202.8	234.1	210.7	232.2	327.2	234.2	278.8	433.9
August, 1947 ..	245.6	271.5	207.5	246.0	241.9	277.7	304.0	221.6	278.2	379.2
August, 1948 ..	285.4	313.9	227.4	290.5	281.3	332.7	249.0	167.8	230.1	318.9
July, 1949 ....	276.8	310.0	217.8	289.1	272.9	309.7	304.4	239.3	306.1	345.7
August, 1949 ..	290.0	315.8	236.0	287.3	282.1	365.6	305.5	194.5	254.7	425.4
TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY										
HARDWARE										
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
August, 1946..	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	307.8	277.5	322.7	297.5	
August, 1947..	297.8	281.4	296.8	245.9	313.4	309.0	308.6	321.4	287.7	
August, 1948 ..	339.5	313.5	319.1	293.9	362.3	348.2	336.4	355.5	336.0	
July, 1949 .....	352.0	319.7	316.3	328.8	386.7	377.5	362.8	361.6	371.8	
August, 1949 ...	377.9	343.9	348.5	340.3	400.0	378.5	374.1	382.9	364.9	





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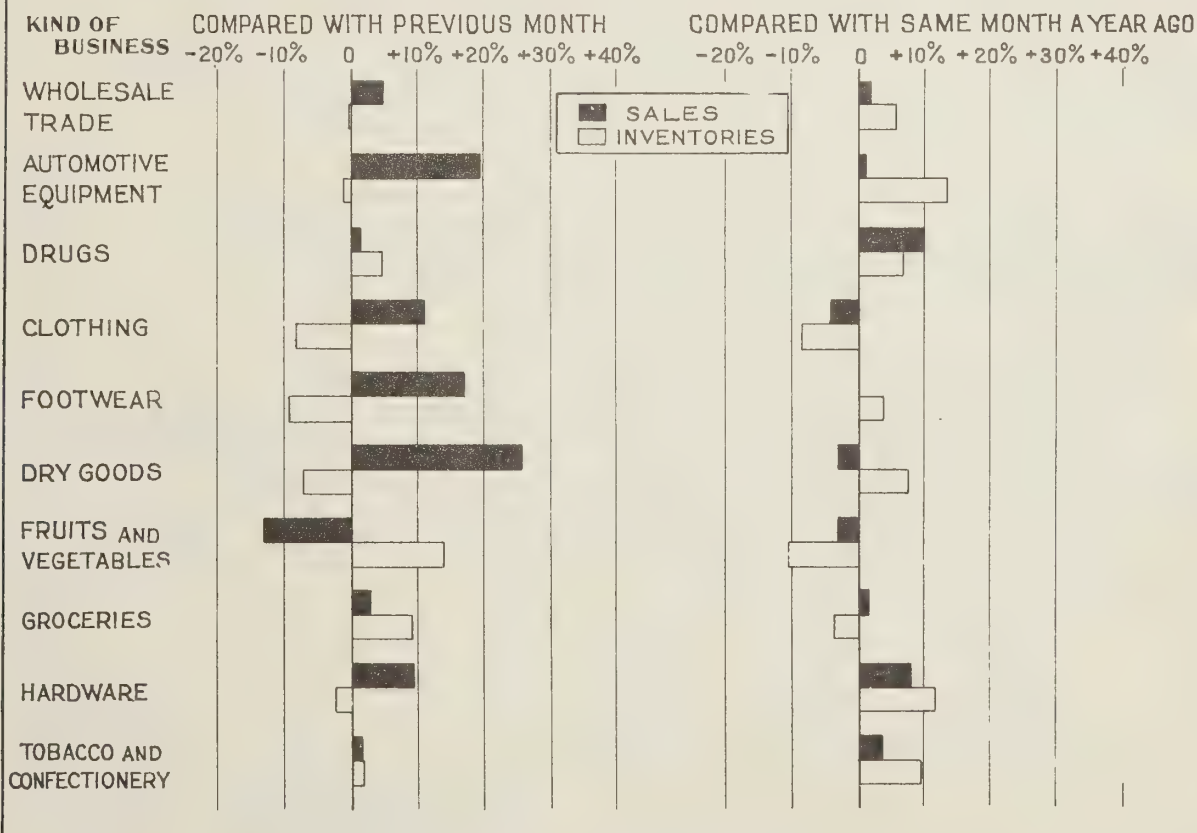
## WHOLESALE TRADE SEPTEMBER 1949

### Small Gain in September Over A Year Ago

Wholesalers' sales in September, 1949 were 2% higher in dollar volume than in September a year ago and 5% in excess of the August, 1949 volume according to statements submitted by 371 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the nine months of 1949 were 4% above the dollar sales in the corresponding period of 1948. The unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 333.2 for September, 1949, 327.0 for September, 1948, and 318.1 for August, 1949.

The Prairie Provinces, with an increase of 5%, showed the largest percentage gain over 1948. Sales of wholesalers in Ontario were up 3% and in the Maritime Provinces, 1%. Decreases of 1% and 3% were registered for Quebec and British Columbia respectively.

### PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES SEPTEMBER 1949



### Only 2 Trades Show Significant Gains

Drug wholesalers, with an increase of 10% in sales, and hardware wholesalers, with an increase of 8%, were the only two trades to register any marked improvement in dollar volume of business over September, 1948. Sales of automotive equipment wholesalers registered the smallest gain over 1948 of any month this year at 1%.

Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers' sales were up 3% from September a year ago and grocery wholesalers reported a gain of 1%. The other food trade included in the survey, fruits and vegetables, registered a decrease of 3% in dollar volume of sales in September this year compared with last. This is the first month in 1949 that fruit and vegetable dealers' sales have dropped below the corresponding-month sales for 1948.

Footwear sales were unchanged from the September, 1948, level. While decreases were recorded in the dry goods and clothing trades. Sales of dry goods wholesalers were down 3% from September, 1948, while a decrease of 4% was reported by clothing wholesalers.

### Stocks Valued 6% above September, 1948

Wholesalers' inventories at the end of September, 1949, were valued 6% higher than stocks on hand at the end of the same month in 1948, and were virtually unchanged in value from August 31, 1949.

Only three of the nine trades recorded inventories lower in dollar value than at September 30, 1948. Fruit and vegetable dealers reported a decrease of 11% in value of stocks on hand, clothing wholesalers' stocks were down 9%, while stocks of grocery wholesalers were valued 4% lower than at the corresponding date last year.

Increases ranging from 4% to 13% were experienced in the remaining six trades, with hardware and automotive equipment wholesalers' stocks showing the greatest improvement at 11% and 13% respectively over September 30, 1948.

### Stocks-Sales Ratio in the Grocery Trade

Stocks held by wholesalers at the beginning of September are normally 10% in excess of sales for that month (based on the average for 1936-1942). Stocks at the beginning of September this year were valued 14% lower than sales for that month.

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# Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

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	Percentage Change				
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			INVENTORY
	August, 1949	September, 1949	September, 1949	Jan.-to-Sept., 1949	Sept., 1949
	August, 1948	September, 1948	August, 1949	Jan.-to-Sept., 1948	Sept., 1948
Automotive Equipment.....	+12.3	+ 1.1	+19.1	+ 6.0	+ 13.3
Maritimes and Quebec.....	+ 4.1	- 8.8	+ 7.7	- 8.3	
Ontario .....	+23.2	+ 4.0	+25.0	+ 8.3	
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.4	+ 2.2	+16.4	+ 9.6	
Drugs .....	+14.3	+ 9.9	+ 1.2	+ 9.4	+ 6.8
Maritimes, Que. and Ont..	+14.7	+ 9.2	+ 7.6	+ 9.8	
Western Provinces .....	+13.5	+11.9	-12.8	+ 8.5	
Clothing .....	+ 2.2	- 4.1	+10.7	- 5.5	- 8.5
Quebec .....	+ 3.4	+ 5.8			
Ont. and Western Provinces	+ 1.6	- 9.4			
Footwear .....	- 3.1	(x)	+16.8	- 0.3	+ 3.8
Maritimes and Quebec ....	- 0.5	- 9.7			
Ont. and Western Provinces	- 5.2	+ 8.8			
Dry Goods .....	- 8.3	- 3.2	+25.4	- 7.5	+ 7.1
Maritimes and Quebec ....	-10.5	- 6.7	+44.4	- 9.8	
Ontario .....	- 5.9	+ 1.8	+10.3	- 4.7	
Western Provinces .....	- 8.1	- 3.8	+18.0	- 7.0	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+22.2	- 3.3	-13.3	+15.4	-10.8
Maritimes and Quebec ....	+15.9	-13.3	-24.6	+10.5	
Ontario .....	+10.0	- 4.7	- 9.7	+11.7	
Western Provinces .....	+33.0	+ 0.3	-8.6	+21.4	
Groceries .....	+ 2.6	+ 1.3	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	- 3.8
Maritimes .....	+ 1.5	+ 2.4	- 1.8	- 0.8	
Quebec .....	+ 4.7	(x)	+10.1	- 3.5	
Ontario .....	+ 0.5	+ 2.6	+ 3.2	+ 3.0	
Prairies .....	+ 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 5.1	+ 3.4	
British Columbia .....	+11.2	+ 0.6	- 3.7	+ 4.8	
Hardware .....	+11.3	+ 7.6	+ 9.1	+ 6.3	+11.3
Maritimes .....	+ 9.7	- 2.7	+19.1	+ 2.1	
Quebec .....	+ 9.2	+ 8.5	+23.0	+ 2.9	
Ontario .....	+15.8	+ 5.6	+31.3	+ 9.5	
Western Provinces .....	+10.4	+ 9.4	+ 1.0	+ 6.9	
Tobacco and Confectionery..	+ 9.5	+ 3.1	+ 1.4	+ 5.0	+ 9.1
Maritimes and Quebec ....	+10.7	+ 4.1	+11.2	+ 4.0	
Ontario .....	+ 8.2	+ 3.6	- 3.8	+ 4.2	
Western Provinces .....	+10.4	+ 2.1	+ 0.7	+ 6.2	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 3.1	+ 1.2	+ 5.2	(x)	
Quebec .....	+ 4.7	- 0.8	+16.5	- 0.6	
Ontario .....	+ 6.3	+ 3.0	+ 6.3	+ 5.3	
Prairies .....	+11.4	+ 4.6	+ 3.0	+ 9.6	
British Columbia .....	+ 6.6	- 2.5	- 7.3	+ 1.0	
CANADA .....	+ 7.2	+ 1.9	+ 4.7	+ 4.3	+ 5.5

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## MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 = 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1946	257.2	270.7	241.9	253.5	268.3	266.8	387.6	371.8	358.4	404.5
September, 1947	301.7	316.4	292.5	296.6	301.8	330.6	481.8	491.9	460.9	475.7
September, 1948	327.0	326.5	306.8	320.9	342.8	350.8	497.2	486.5	476.1	499.0
August, 1949	318.1	314.2	261.1	310.9	348.3	368.9	422.2	412.1	396.1	438.2
September, 1949	333.2	330.4	304.5	330.5	356.6	342.0	502.7	443.7	495.1	510.0
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# WHOLESALE TRADE

## OCTOBER 1949

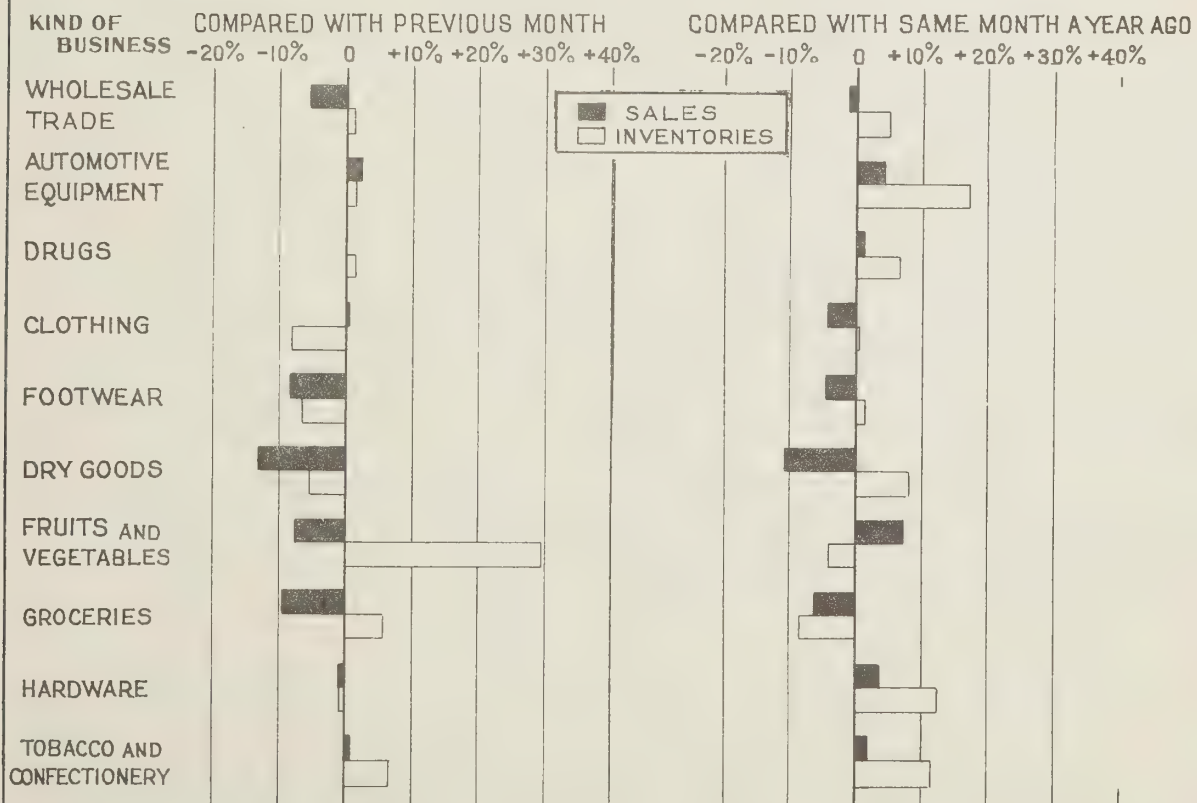
### Wholesale Sales 2% Below October, 1948

Dollar sales of wholesalers in October, 1949 were 2% lower than in October a year ago and 5% below the dollar volume for September, 1949 according to statements submitted by 378 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the first ten months of 1949 were 4% in excess of the total sales for the corresponding period in 1948. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935 - 1939 = 100) stood at 314.5 for October, 1949, 319.3 for October, 1948, and 332.6 for September, 1948.

The Prairie Provinces, with a gain of 1%, was the only region to register an increase in dollar volume of wholesale sales. Wholesale sales in Ontario were fractionally lower than in October, 1948 while declines of 4% were recorded for Quebec and British Columbia. Sales in the Maritime Provinces were down 5%.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

### OCTOBER 1949



### Modest Gains Recorded in 5 Trades

The largest percentage increase in dollar sales over October, 1948, was reported by fruit and vegetable wholesalers whose sales in October this year were 7% higher than in the same month last year. Automotive equipment and hardware wholesalers' sales were 4% in excess of October a year ago while tobacco and confectionery wholesalers and drug wholesalers reported gains of 2% and 1% respectively.

October gains over last year were generally lower than the gains for the year to date compared with the corresponding period of 1948.

### Dry Goods and Apparel and Grocery Sales Drop

Declines from 1948 were again reported for the three dry goods and apparel trades. Sales of clothing wholesalers were down 4%, footwear wholesalers' sales, 5%, while a drop of 11% was recorded in the dollar sales volume of dry goods wholesalers. Wholesale grocers' sales were 6% below the October, 1948, volume.

### 5% Increase in Value of Stocks

Wholesalers' inventories in the nine trades included in this survey were valued 5% higher in dollar volume at October 31, 1949, than the inventories at the same date in 1948 and 1% above the value at September 30, 1949.

Substantial increases of 17% and 12% were recorded in value of stocks on hand by automotive equipment wholesalers and hardware wholesalers respectively. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers' stocks showed an increase of 11% in value while dry goods, drug, and footwear wholesalers reported gains of 8%, 5%, and 1% respectively. Clothing wholesalers' stocks registered no change in value from the corresponding date in 1948.

Declines in value of stocks on hand were recorded in the food trades. A decrease of 4% in value of stocks on hand was reported by fruit and vegetable dealers while grocery wholesalers reported an 8% drop in value of inventory compared with a year ago.

### Stock-Sales Ratio in the Grocery Trade

Stocks held by wholesalers at the beginning of October are normally 17% in excess of sales for that month (based on the average for 1936 - 1942). Stocks at the beginning of October this year were valued 2% higher than sales in that month.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

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Trade and Region	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	September, 1949	October, 1949	October, 1949	Jan.- to - Oct., 1949	
	September, 1948	October, 1948	September 1949	Jan.- to - Oct., 1948	Oct., 1949 Oct., 1948
Automotive Equipment ...	+ 0.6	+ 4.2	+ 2.0	+ 5.7	+ 17.1
Maritimes and Quebec .	= 9.8	-13.4	+ 7.0	= 9.1	
Ontario .....	+ 4.3	+ 6.8	= 6.2	+ 8.1	
Western Provinces ....	+ 1.4	+ 8.7	+ 4.5	+ 9.4	
Drugs .....	+ 9.9	+ 1.0	(x)	+ 8.4	+ 5.4
Maritimes, Que. and Ont.	+ 9.2	= 0.7	= 6.0	+ 8.6	
Western Provinces ....	+11.9	+ 5.1	+15.6	+ 8.1	
Clothing .....	= 4.4	= 4.4	+ 0.4	= 5.4	+ 0.4
Quebec .....	+ 5.8	+ 4.4			
Ont. & Western Provinces	= 9.7	= 9.9			
Footwear .....	= 0.7	= 4.8	= 8.4	= 1.0	+ 1.4
Maritimes and Quebec .	= 9.6	= 0.9			
Ont. & Western Provinces	+ 6.7	= 7.9			
Dry Goods .....	= 2.1	-10.7	-13.1	= 7.8	+ 8.1
Maritimes and Quebec..	= 7.5	-16.9	-15.3	-10.8	
Ontario .....	+ 1.6	-10.7	-11.3	= 5.4	
Western Provinces ....	+ 2.1	= 1.3	= 8.5	= 5.6	
Fruits and Vegetables ..	= 3.3	+ 7.2	= 7.4	+14.6	= 4.1
Maritimes and Quebec..	-13.1	+22.5	+35.4	+11.5	
Ontario .....	= 4.6	+14.0	= 2.4	+11.9	
Western Provinces ....	+ 0.3	= 3.7	-25.3	+18.4	
Groceries .....	+ 0.5	= 6.2	= 9.5	+ 1.0	= 8.5
Maritimes .....	+ 2.4	= 6.4	= 3.2	= 1.4	
Quebec .....	= 3.9	= 7.8	= 7.3	= 4.5	
Ontario .....	+ 1.9	= 5.7	= 9.6	+ 2.0	
Prairies .....	+ 0.1	= 5.1	-12.2	+ 2.4	
British Columbia .....	+ 0.6	= 7.4	= 7.3	+ 3.4	
Hardware .....	+ 7.6	+ 3.3	= 1.0	+ 6.0	+12.2
Maritimes .....	= 2.0	+ 0.5	+ 3.8	+ 2.0	
Quebec .....	+ 8.5	+ 0.8	= 9.9	+ 2.7	
Ontario .....	+ 5.6	+ 2.8	= 9.0	+ 8.7	
Western Provinces ....	+ 9.4	+ 6.4	+ 2.6	+ 6.8	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 2.9	+ 1.8	+ 1.0	+ 4.6	+11.3
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+ 4.2	= 1.0	= 3.3	+ 3.4	
Ontario .....	+ 3.2	+ 3.2	= 2.0	+ 4.0	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.1	+ 1.6	= 0.5	+ 5.7	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 1.2	= 5.0	= 3.4	= 0.6	
Quebec .....	= 2.0	= 3.7	= 1.7	= 1.1	
Ontario .....	+ 2.6	= 0.2	= 6.9	+ 4.6	
Prairies .....	+ 5.0	+ 0.7	-10.4	+ 8.6	
British Columbia .....	= 2.6	= 3.8	+ 3.4	+ 0.4	
CANADA .....	+ 1.7	= 1.5	= 5.4	+ 3.6	+ 4.8

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# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

WHOLESALE TRADE									
AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
October, 1946	276.8	296.4	272.7	267.3	276.9	298.1	360.8	415.8	340.7
October, 1947	325.5	360.7	322.1	326.9	297.7	372.6	423.6	498.5	372.4
October, 1948	319.3	336.1	307.0	307.0	320.3	367.4	489.7	541.9	486.7
September, 1949	332.6	330.4	300.7	329.2	350.9	341.7	500.2	438.8	506.0
October, 1949	314.5	319.3	295.6	305.4	322.6	353.4	510.3	469.3	529.0
DRUGS									
CLOTHING FOOTWEAR									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
October, 1946	292.1	295.0	309.9	282.3	350.5	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2
October, 1947	313.4	313.2	310.8	296.6	427.6	279.9	267.1	300.7	281.3
October, 1948	320.3	313.5	336.3	313.3	393.0	322.2	318.1	334.7	320.4
September, 1949	323.5	331.4	305.8	298.2	408.5	330.9	312.2	337.0	345.7
October, 1949	323.5	311.6	353.5	299.5	374.1	287.7	264.3	298.9	316.2
GROCERIES									
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
October, 1946	248.2	284.1	256.8	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.6	226.6	356.4
October, 1947	318.7	361.9	309.4	344.4	268.7	370.0	278.0	222.5	330.4
October, 1948	287.1	323.5	253.4	286.9	274.3	356.7	227.7	162.4	300.7
September, 1949	297.6	312.8	252.0	299.2	296.5	356.3	263.7	146.9	387.6
October, 1949	269.3	302.8	233.6	270.5	260.3	330.3	244.1	198.9	288.6
TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY									
HARDWARE									
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1946	297.2	311.8	270.0	272.1	320.7	336.8	344.6	314.6	320.2
October, 1947	359.6	393.8	349.9	354.5	360.1	363.1	394.2	332.8	342.3
October, 1948	393.0	426.1	383.1	395.6	389.6	382.7	405.2	349.8	365.6
September, 1949	412.2	412.5	428.8	446.9	403.8	385.9	414.6	368.5	373.4
October, 1949	407.9	428.2	386.2	406.7	414.5	389.6	401.1	361.0	371.4



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## WHOLESALE TRADE

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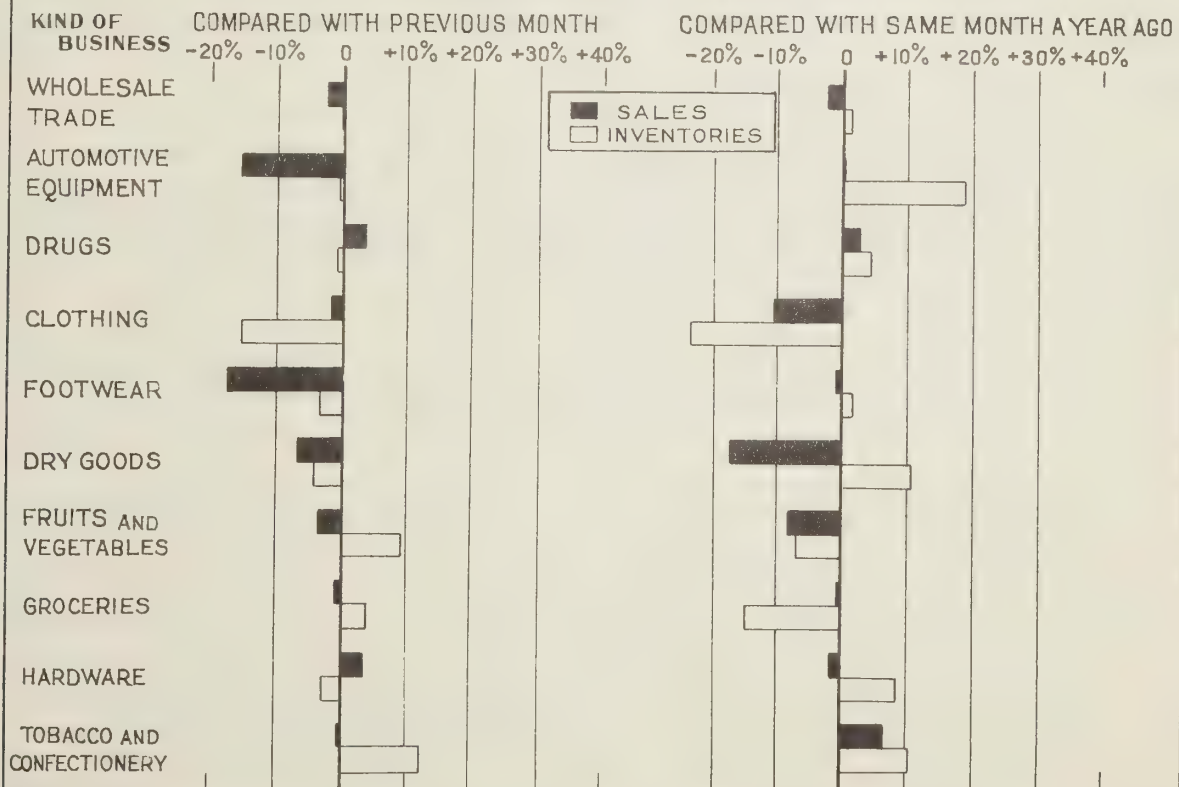
Dollar Sales Down 2% from November, 1948

Sales of wholesalers in November, 1949 were 2% below the dollar volume for November, 1948 and 3% lower than in October, 1949 according to statements submitted by 367 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the first eleven months of 1949 were 3% higher in dollar volume than dollar sales during the corresponding period of 1948. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 306.7 for November, 1949, 313.6 for November, 1948, and 314.8 for October, 1949.

The only region to register an increase in dollar sales was the Prairie Provinces where sales volume was 3% in excess of that for November, 1948. Wholesale sales in Ontario remained at virtually the same volume as in 1948, while decreases were recorded for all other regions. Dollar sales of wholesalers in British Columbia were down 6%; in Quebec, 7%; and in the Maritime Provinces, 12%.

### PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

#### NOVEMBER 1949





### Only 2 Trades Show Gains in Sales

Tobacco and confectionery and drug wholesalers were the only trades among the nine surveyed to register increases in volume of sales over November, 1948. Dollar sales of tobacco and confectionery wholesalers were up 7% and drug wholesalers' sales increased 3%.

Automotive equipment wholesalers and grocery wholesalers reported sales practically unchanged from November of the previous year.

Small declines of 1% and 2% were recorded for footwear and hardware wholesalers respectively. More substantial declines were recorded for the other trades as follows: fruit and vegetable dealers, 8%; clothing wholesalers, 11%; and dry goods wholesalers, 17%.

### Increase of 1% in Value of Stocks on Hand

Value of stocks in the hands of wholesalers in the nine lines of trade surveyed was 1% higher at November 30, 1949 than at the corresponding date in 1948 and was unchanged from the value at the end of October, 1949.

Largest increase in value of stocks on hand compared with November 30, 1948 was recorded by automotive equipment wholesalers at 19%. Increases of 11%, 10%, and 9% were reported by wholesalers of dry goods, tobacco and confectionery, and hardware respectively, while smaller gains of 4% and 2% occurred in the drug and footwear trades. Fruit and vegetable dealers' inventories were valued 7% lower at November 30, 1949 than at the corresponding date in 1948, while declines in the value of stocks on hand of 15% and 24% were registered for grocery and clothing wholesalers respectively.

### Stocks-Sales Ratio in the Grocery Trade

Stocks held by wholesale grocers at the beginning of November are normally 43% in excess of sales for that month (based on the average for the years 1936 - 1942). Wholesale grocers' stocks at the beginning of November in 1949 were valued only 2% higher than their sales during the month.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Trade and Region	Percentage Change				
	SALES				INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)			
	October, 1949	November, 1949	November, 1949	Jan. - to - Nov., 1949	
	October, 1948	November, 1948	October, 1949	Jan. - to - Nov., 1948	Nov., 1949 Nov., 1948
Automotive Equipment ....	+ 3.8	+ 0.2	-15.7	+ 5.1	+18.9
Maritimes and Quebec...	-14.2	- 3.9	- 7.9	- 8.7	
Ontario .....	+ 6.8	+ 8.4	-10.6	+ 8.2	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.7	- 4.9	-16.4	+ 7.8	
Drugs .....	+ 1.2	+ 2.8	+ 3.2	+ 7.9	+ 4.4
Maritimes, Que. and Ont.	(x)	+ 2.9	+ 4.4	+ 8.1	
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.4	+ 2.6	+ 0.9	+ 7.5	
Clothing .....	- 7.2	-10.8	- 1.9	- 6.3	-23.7
Quebec .....	+ 4.4	- 3.5			
Ont. & Western Provinces	-13.4	-17.2			
Footwear .....	- 4.8	- 0.8	-17.2	- 1.0	+ 1.7
Maritimes and Quebec ..	- 0.9	+ 9.2			
Ont. & Western Provinces	- 7.9	- 9.8			
Dry Goods .....	-10.1	-17.1	- 6.8	- 8.7	+10.5
Maritimes and Quebec ..	-18.3	-24.3	- 6.9	-12.5	
Ontario .....	- 8.3	- 6.9	+ 3.3	- 5.4	
Western Provinces .....	- 1.3	-19.0	- 8.5	- 7.2	
Fruits and Vegetables ...	+ 7.2	- 8.2	- 3.5	+12.3	- 7.0
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+22.5	-19.6	- 6.5	+ 8.3	
Ontario .....	+13.9	- 7.2	+ 2.0	+10.1	
Western Provinces .....	- 3.7	- 2.9	- 0.9	+16.1	
Groceries .....	- 6.0	- 0.3	- 0.9	+ 0.9	-14.8
Maritimes .....	- 6.1	-12.4	-12.9	- 2.4	
Quebec .....	- 6.7	- 1.2	+ 2.1	- 4.0	
Ontario .....	- 5.9	+ 1.1	+ 1.3	+ 1.9	
Prairies .....	- 5.1	+ 8.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.0	
British Columbia .....	- 7.4	- 5.6	- 0.8	+ 2.5	
Hardware .....	+ 3.8	- 1.9	+ 3.6	+ 5.2	+ 8.5
Maritimes .....	+ 0.5	-10.4	-22.3	+ 0.7	
Quebec .....	+ 0.8	- 4.5	+ 6.3	+ 1.9	
Ontario .....	+ 2.8	- 1.1	+ 8.6	+ 7.6	
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.4	- 0.3	+ 3.2	+ 6.0	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 2.3	+ 6.6	- 0.3	+ 4.8	+10.4
Maritimes and Quebec ..	(x)	+ 8.7	- 0.5	+ 4.0	
Ontario .....	+ 3.2	+ 3.1	- 0.3	+ 3.9	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.5	+ 9.0	+ 9.8	+ 6.1	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	- 4.9	-11.7	-11.6	- 1.7	
Quebec .....	- 3.3	- 6.7	- 4.4	- 1.6	
Ontario .....	- 0.3	(x)	- 0.3	+ 4.2	
Prairies .....	+ 0.6	+ 2.9	- 0.8	+ 8.0	
British Columbia .....	- 3.4	- 6.2	- 1.4	- 0.2	
CANADA .....	- 1.4	- 2.2	- 2.6	+ 3.1	+ 1.3

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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1946 ....	257.2	280.4	246.9	251.0	257.9	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
November, 1947 ....	295.0	314.9	290.1	292.2	281.1	345.6	413.8	457.6	381.1	429.9
November, 1948 ....	313.6	319.9	304.3	305.1	310.6	373.2	427.5	445.7	384.1	465.2
October, 1949 .....	314.8	319.6	296.9	306.1	322.2	354.9	508.3	465.0	466.0	529.0
November, 1949 ....	306.7	282.5	283.9	305.1	319.6	350.1	428.4	428.3	416.4	442.4

Year and Month	CLOTHING FOOTWEAR						DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1946 ....	284.3	277.3	305.2	273.7	292.3	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1	239.1
November, 1947 ....	278.3	272.6	295.1	279.7	280.6	262.9	248.7	295.5	272.1	272.1
November, 1948 ....	325.3	318.4	345.3	319.7	312.3	325.7	315.8	340.4	357.0	357.0
October, 1949 .....	324.1	313.8	351.1	290.7	374.1	289.7	256.7	306.9	316.2	316.2
November, 1949 ....	334.4	327.6	354.3	285.2	309.8	270.0	239.1	316.9	289.2	289.2

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1946 ....	231.2	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	263.9	234.4	249.4	309.9
November, 1947 ....	282.8	324.1	280.1	295.2	248.7	317.9	261.5	261.8	251.1	279.2
November, 1948 ....	268.4	302.1	244.2	270.4	242.5	347.1	256.5	231.4	245.1	295.7
October, 1949 .....	269.9	303.8	236.4	270.0	260.3	330.3	244.1	198.9	223.1	289.6
November, 1949 ....	267.6	264.6	241.3	273.4	262.1	327.7	235.5	186.0	227.5	287.1

Year and Month	HARDWARE						TOBACCO & CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Western Provinces
November, 1946 ....	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	311.0	274.3	300.2	333.9	333.9
November, 1947 ....	350.6	308.9	353.5	345.0	355.8	327.8	317.1	308.9	347.9	347.9
November, 1948 ....	430.9	371.3	429.9	446.4	429.1	366.2	370.7	349.1	377.5	377.5
October, 1949 .....	407.9	428.2	386.2	406.7	414.5	391.5	405.2	361.0	374.7	374.7
November, 1949 ....	422.7	332.7	410.6	441.5	427.8	390.4	403.0	359.9	411.5	411.5





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## WHOLESALE TRADE

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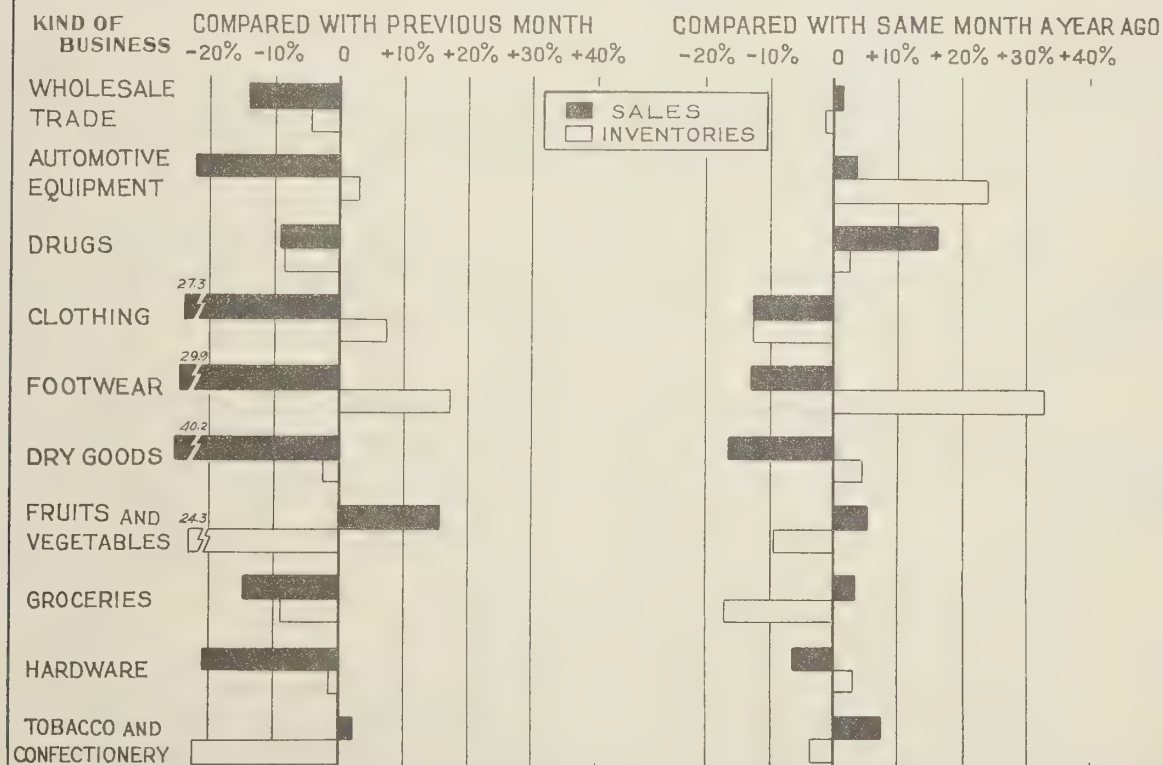
1949 Total Up 3% from 1948; December Sales 1% Above December, 1948

December, 1949 sales of wholesalers exceeded the December, 1948 dollar volume by 1% but were 14% below sales in November, 1949, according to statements submitted by 363 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Preliminary results for the year 1949 indicate that the dollar sales volume in that year was 3% in excess of the volume for the 12 months of 1948. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 263.3 for December, 1949, 259.9 for December, 1948, and 306.7 for November, 1949.

Sales in British Columbia, the Maritime Provinces, and Quebec continued the trend of the past few months by falling short of the 1948 volume. Sales in British Columbia were down 1%, in the Maritime Provinces, 3%, while Quebec wholesalers registered a decline of 5%. Wholesalers in the Prairie Provinces and Ontario reported dollar sales 4% and 5% respectively higher than in December, 1948.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

DECEMBER 1949



### Gains registered for 5 trades out of 9

Drug and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers again reported the greatest increases in sales over 1948. Sales of drug wholesalers were 16% in excess of the December, 1948, level, resulting in a 9% increase for the year 1949 as compared with 1948. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers' sales in December, 1949, were 8% higher than in December of the previous year, while the cumulative sales for the year 1949 exceeded the 1948 volume by 5%.

December, 1949, sales of fruit and vegetable dealers were up 5% over the previous December, while automotive equipment and grocery wholesalers both registered gains of 4% in dollar volume. The 12-month total sales volume for 1949 for fruit and vegetable wholesalers was 12% higher than the 1948 dollar volume, automotive equipment wholesalers' sales registered a 5% gain for the year 1949 over 1948, while grocery wholesalers' sales registered an increase of 1% for the year 1949 compared with 1948.

Dollar sales of hardware wholesalers in December, 1949 were 6% below the December, 1948, volume, bringing the cumulative total for the year to 4% above the 1948 level. Clothing and footwear wholesalers both reported decreases of 13% in December, 1949, compared with December, 1948, while dry goods wholesalers' sales dropped 16%. Preliminary sales figures for these trades for the year 1949 indicate decreases from 1948 of 2% for footwear wholesalers' sales, 7% for clothing wholesalers' sales, and 9% for dry goods wholesalers' sales.

### Inventories down 1% from December 31, 1948

Stocks on hand of wholesalers in the nine trades included in this survey were valued 1% lower at December 31, 1949, than at the end of 1948, and 4% below November 30, 1949.

Marked increases in the value of inventories were reported by automotive equipment and footwear wholesalers at 24% and 33% respectively. Smaller gains of from 3% to 5% were reported by drug, hardware, and dry goods wholesalers.

Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers' inventories were valued 4% below December 31, 1948, while the value of fruit and vegetable dealers' inventories declined 9%. Greater decreases in value of stocks on hand compared with December 31, 1948, were recorded for clothing and grocery wholesalers at 13% and 17% respectively.

### Stocks-Sales Ratio in the Wholesale Grocery Trade

Stocks held by wholesale grocers at the beginning of December are normally 64% in excess of sales for that month (based on the average for the years 1936-1942). Wholesale grocers' stocks at the beginning of December, 1949, were valued 18% higher than their sales during December.

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## Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				
	SALES				INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	December,	Jan. - to-	
	November, 1949	December, 1949	1949	Dec., 1949	Dec., 1949
	November, 1948	December, 1948	November, 1949	Jan. - to- Dec., 1948	Dec., 1948
Automotive Equipment .....	- 0.4	+ 3.7	-22.2	+ 4.9	+24.0
Maritimes and Quebec...	- 4.3	-14.4	-19.7	- 9.2	
Ontario .....	+ 6.3	- 2.0	-10.8	+ 8.2	
Western Provinces .....	- 4.9	+18.0	-26.9	+ 8.4	
Drugs .....	+ 2.7	+16.0	- 9.2	+ 8.5	+ 2.6
Maritimes, Que. and Ont.	+ 2.8	+ 7.1	-12.6	+ 8.0	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.6	+41.3	- 1.9	+ 9.8	
Clothing .....	-12.2	-12.9	-27.3	- 6.9	-12.8
Quebec .....	- 3.5	-13.8			
Ont. & Western Provinces	-18.3	-11.9			
Footwear .....	- 0.8	-13.1	-29.9	- 1.9	+32.8
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+ 9.2	- 7.7			
Ont. & Western Provinces	- 9.8	-16.9			
Dry Goods .....	-17.1	-16.3	-40.2	- 9.2	+ 4.7
Maritimes and Quebec ..	-24.3	-21.4	-47.6	-13.0	
Ontario .....	- 6.9	-13.8	-38.2	- 3.1	
Western Provinces .....	-19.0	- 2.3	-38.9	- 7.5	
Fruits and Vegetables ...	- 8.5	+ 5.2	+15.7	+11.7	- 9.4
Maritimes and Quebec ..	-20.0	-10.7	- 0.4	+ 6.6	
Ontario .....	- 7.2	+ 6.4	+16.9	+ 9.8	
Western Provinces .....	- 2.9	+12.6	+17.1	+15.8	
Groceries .....	- 0.2	+ 3.6	-15.0	+ 1.1	-17.0
Maritimes .....	-12.4	- 0.5	- 1.5	- 2.3	
Quebec .....	- 1.2	- 1.5	-15.5	- 3.8	
Ontario .....	+ 1.1	+ 9.4	- 3.3	+ 2.5	
Prairies .....	+ 8.0	+ 2.3	-29.6	+ 2.9	
British Columbia .....	- 5.6	+ 1.1	-24.1	+ 2.5	
Hardware .....	- 1.9	- 6.4	-21.1	+ 4.2	+ 3.1
Maritimes .....	-10.4	-11.5	-21.0	- 0.2	
Quebec .....	- 4.5	- 5.3	-19.4	+ 1.3	
Ontario .....	- 1.1	- 1.7	- 9.4	+ 6.8	
Western Provinces .....	- 0.3	- 8.8	-28.1	+ 4.9	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 7.1	+ 7.9	+ 2.1	+ 5.2	- 3.7
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+ 8.9	+ 4.9	+12.9	+ 4.1	
Ontario .....	+ 3.8	+11.6	+10.8	+ 4.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.3	+ 5.6	-13.5	+ 6.1	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	-11.7	- 2.8	- 9.0	- 1.8	
Quebec .....	- 6.8	- 5.4	-17.3	- 1.9	
Ontario .....	(x)	+ 4.6	- 5.1	+ 4.2	
Prairies .....	+ 3.0	+ 3.8	-24.8	+ 7.8	
British Columbia .....	- 6.3	- 1.4	-17.4	- 0.3	
CANADA .....	- 2.2	+ 1.3	-14.2	+ 2.9	- 1.4

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Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not available.



MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1946	222.2	237.4	214.8	229.8	191.9	275.1	231.9	347.2	243.5	203.7
December, 1947	251.1	257.1	241.4	265.5	207.8	323.5	283.4	411.4	307.5	244.8
December, 1948	259.9	264.5	247.9	278.7	231.9	292.8	319.4	399.9	371.5	273.9
November, 1949	306.7	282.5	283.9	305.1	319.5	350.1	428.4	428.5	416.4	442.4
December, 1949	263.3	257.2	234.5	289.4	240.7	288.7	331.1	342.3	364.1	323.2

Year and Month	DRUGS		Western Provinces	CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS			Western Provinces
	CANADA	Maritime Que. & Ont.		CANADA	Western Provinces	CANADA	Western Provinces	Maritime & Quebec	Ontario		
December, 1946	215.9	215.1	218.2	167.8	261.0	162.6	150.8	186.8	142.8		
December, 1947	245.6	253.0	254.5	184.9	293.7	188.2	149.7	248.6	168.9		
December, 1948	261.6	267.2	246.1	234.5	249.9	192.8	159.4	227.0	201.8		
November, 1949	354.4	327.6	354.8	285.1	309.8	270.0	239.1	316.9	289.2		
December, 1949	305.5	286.2	347.7	204.1	215.2	181.4	125.3	195.7	176.7		

Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1946	200.8	240.2	191.4	212.2	157.3	248.1	276.5	241.2	268.4	301.5
December, 1947	227.1	261.8	220.3	251.2	174.3	282.8	243.0	220.5	237.0	257.3
December, 1948	219.8	261.8	207.1	241.7	180.2	246.0	258.1	206.4	250.0	298.6
November, 1949	267.6	264.5	241.3	273.4	262.1	327.7	235.5	186.0	227.5	287.1
December, 1949	227.7	260.6	204.0	264.4	184.3	248.7	271.5	184.3	266.0	336.3

Year and Month	HARDWARE				TOBACCO & CONFECTIONERY						
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario		Western Provinces
December, 1946 ..	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	305.0	323.9	296.0	292.0		
December, 1947 ..	321.2	247.2	301.8	336.0	328.0	354.7	396.1	346.9	328.5		
December, 1948 ..	356.2	297.1	349.5	406.9	337.5	371.0	434.5	359.7	338.0		
November, 1949 ..	422.7	332.7	410.6	441.5	427.8	390.4	403.0	359.9	411.5		
December, 1949 ..	333.4	262.9	331.0	400.0	307.8	400.2	455.8	401.4	356.9		



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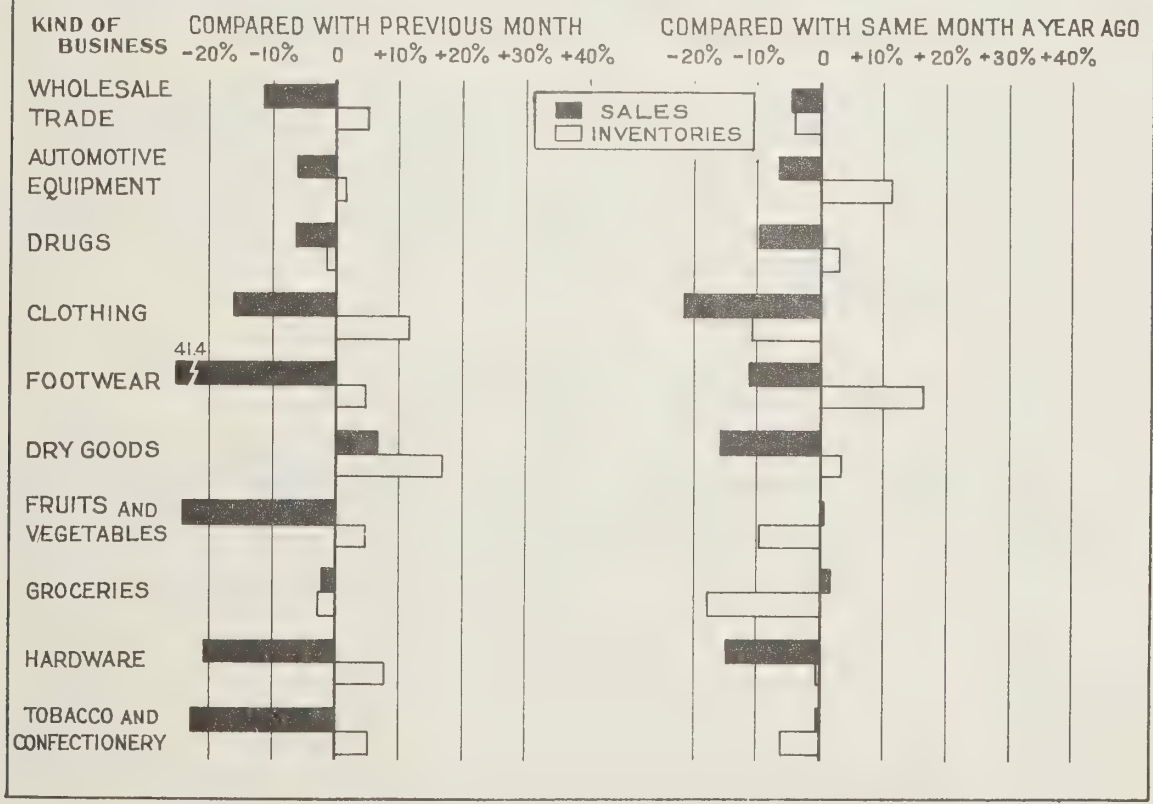
## JANUARY 1950

### January Sales Declined From A Year Ago

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in January, 1950 was 5% lower than in January a year ago and 11.4% below the December, 1949 volume according to statements submitted by 367 wholesalers representing nine trades. The unadjusted index for the nine trades (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 231.8 for January, 1950, 243.2 for January, 1949, and 261.5 for December, 1949.

All regions of the country except the Maritimes shared in the general decline in sales during January, 1950. Sales in the Prairie Provinces and Ontario were down 4% from a year ago, British Columbia, 9%, and Quebec sales were 7% lower in dollar volume. The Maritimes registered a fractional gain of 0.6% over January, 1949.

### PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES JANUARY 1950



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### Only 2 Trades Show Gains

The two food trades, groceries, and fruits and vegetables, showed minor gains in sales with increases over January 1949 of 1.8% and 0.4% respectively. The other allied food trade, tobacco and confectionery wholesalers, registered a minor decline (0.5%) in dollar volume of sales from a year ago.

Sales of automotive equipment wholesalers were 7% below January of last year, drug wholesalers' sales dropped 10% and hardware declined 15%. The clothing and dry goods trades showed the greatest decline in dollar volume of sales from January 1949. Footwear wholesalers registered 12% less sales than a year ago, dry goods wholesalers 16% less and clothing wholesalers showed the greatest drop of the nine trades at 22%. This January recession in dollar volume of sales in dry goods and clothing wholesalers continues the 1949 downward trend in sales of these trades.

### Stocks Dropped 4% in Value from January 1950

The value of wholesalers' stocks on hand at the end of January 1950 was 4% below that at the end of the same month in 1949.

Substantial gains in value of inventory were reported by footwear wholesalers at 16.4%, and by automotive equipment wholesalers at 11.3%. Stocks held by the drug and dry goods trades were 3% higher in value than at the end of January last year.

While stocks held by hardware wholesalers were only slightly below their year-ago value, the other four wholesale trades recorded inventory decreases of from 6% to 18%. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers' stocks were down 6%, and fruit and vegetable wholesalers 10% below the level of a year ago. The clothing trade had 11% less stock and the wholesale grocery trade a decrease of 18% compared with those held at the end of January 1949.

### Stock-Sales Ratio in the Wholesale Grocery Trade

Stocks held by wholesale grocers at the beginning of January are normally 63% in excess of sales for that month (based on the average for the years 1936-1942). Wholesale grocers' stocks at the beginning of January 1950 were valued 21% higher than their sales during January.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Trade and Region	Percentage Change			INVENTORY Jan., 1950 Jan., 1949
	SALES			
	(1) December, 1949 December, 1948	(2) January, 1950 January, 1949	January, 1950 December 1949	
Automotive Equipment .....	+ 2.6	- 6.6	- 6.1	+11.3
Maritimes and Quebec ....	-14.4	-17.7	-27.4	
Ontario .....	- 1.8	- 0.8	- 3.6	
Western Provinces .....	+13.7	- 8.2	- 2.9	
Drugs .....	+15.0	- 9.7	- 6.3	+ 3.1
Maritimes, Que. and Ont..	+ 6.6	- 6.2	+ 0.1	
Western Provinces .....	+39.9	-17.2	-19.3	
Clothing .....	-12.6	-21.6	-16.0	-10.9
Quebec .....	-12.6	-26.7		
Ont. and Western Provinces	-12.8	-30.8		
Footwear .....	-11.0	-12.3	-41.4	+16.4
Maritimes and Quebec ....	- 7.4	-19.1		
Ont. and Western Provinces	-13.5	- 3.7		
Dry Goods .....	-15.3	-15.8	+ 6.7	+ 3.4
Maritimes and Quebec ...	-19.1	-20.7	+13.8	
Ontario .....	-12.2	-14.8	+ 3.1	
Western Provinces .....	-14.0	-10.3	+ 5.1	
Fruits and Vegetables ....	+ 4.3	+ 0.4	-24.3	- 9.7
Maritimes and Quebec ...	-10.4	- 3.2	-10.3	
Ontario .....	+ 5.5	+ 1.3	-11.5	
Western Provinces .....	+11.4	+ 1.0	-43.1	
Groceries .....	+ 2.0	+ 1.8	- 2.2	-17.8
Maritimes .....	- 0.5	+ 5.8	- 4.6	
Quebec .....	+ 0.1	+ 7.5	-29.6	
Ontario .....	+ 3.4	- 2.9	- 9.6	
Prairies .....	+ 2.8	+ 7.2	+14.1	
British Columbia .....	+ 1.1	- 3.2	+19.5	
Hardware .....	- 6.4	-14.7	-20.7	- 0.5
Maritimes .....	-11.5	-16.5	-23.1	
Quebec .....	- 5.4	-13.9	-10.9	
Ontario .....	- 1.7	- 4.3	-23.0	
Western Provinces .....	- 8.8	-21.0	-20.7	
Tobacco and Confectionery..	+ 7.8	- 0.5	-22.7	- 6.1
Maritimes and Quebec ...	+ 5.8	+ 4.4	-35.3	
Ontario .....	+11.3	- 1.1	-25.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.2	- 1.9	-13.2	
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes .....	- 2.7	+ 0.6	-11.5	
Quebec .....	- 4.6	- 7.0	-20.4	
Ontario .....	+ 2.4	- 4.0	-11.1	
Prairies .....	+ 3.2	- 3.7	- 7.2	
British Columbia .....	- 1.3	- 8.9	- 2.5	
CANADA .....	+ 0.6	- 4.7	-11.4	- 4.1

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	JEWELLERY TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1947	237.3	236.4	206.2	251.6	231.3	271.0		346.5	335.8	352.5	349.5
January, 1948	244.2	221.5	217.7	253.4	226.9	314.1		320.9	284.4	354.2	316.5
January, 1949	243.2	225.4	202.6	262.3	230.5	309.4		329.6	302.0	354.6	329.3
December, 1949	261.5	257.5	236.5	263.3	233.3	289.0		327.7	342.3	364.8	311.4
January, 1950	241.3	247.3	183.2	241.6	222.0	261.9		307.8	243.5	351.8	302.5

Year and Month	DRUGS							FOOTWEAR			
	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA			CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1947	254.7	245.8	275.8	294.7	274.5			220.2	182.0	257.2	225.7
January, 1948	243.5	243.3	311.1	274.7	245.7			252.1	231.6	280.3	251.0
January, 1949	312.1	303.9	335.7	219.5	148.5			207.0	185.1	241.1	203.1
December, 1949	300.3	284.8	344.3	204.8	222.2			163.3	129.0	199.3	173.3
January, 1950	281.8	285.1	273.0	172.1	130.2			174.5	146.3	205.4	182.2

Year and Month	SPOONKIES							FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1947	213.0	250.5	162.4	232.5	190.8	246.1		217.9	169.9	238.5	218.2
January, 1948	216.2	235.2	155.6	231.1	196.0	289.4		186.7	156.6	216.8	168.5
January, 1949	215.3	235.0	135.8	232.7	197.2	307.1		202.9	171.3	230.5	187.5
December, 1949	224.2	260.5	207.3	249.9	185.2	248.7		269.2	184.9	263.8	332.6
January, 1950	219.2	248.6	146.0	226.0	211.4	297.3		203.7	165.8	233.5	189.4

Year and Month	HARDWARE							TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces			CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1947	268.7	211.6	279.0	249.6	293.7			277.7	259.6	278.2	269.6
January, 1948	300.7	210.5	317.5	292.0	322.5			303.8	285.0	295.2	304.6
January, 1949	310.0	242.3	341.9	321.8	309.0			310.8	285.0	302.0	314.7
December, 1949	333.4	262.9	330.6	400.0	307.8			399.9	459.7	400.3	355.6
January, 1950	264.4	202.3	294.4	308.0	244.1			309.2	297.5	298.7	308.7



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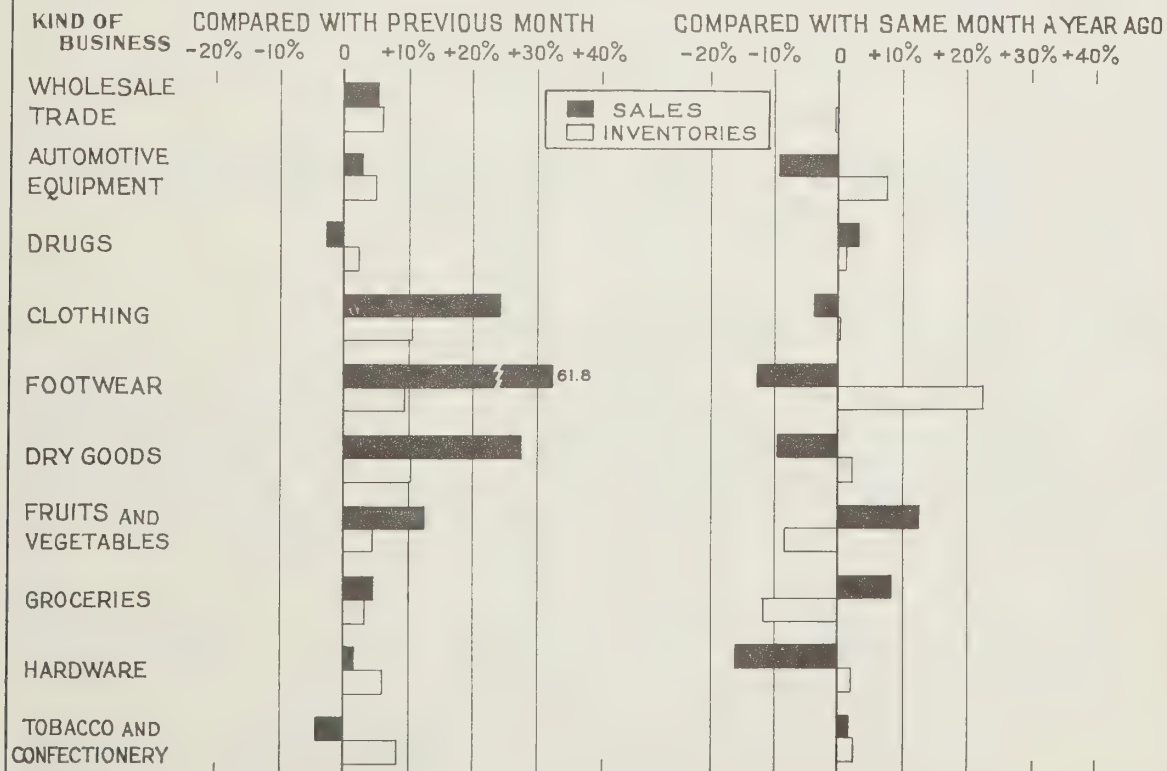
Sales at Same Level as a Year Ago

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in February, 1950 was unchanged from the February, 1949 level, but was 6% above dollar sales in January, 1950, according to returns submitted by 361 wholesalers across Canada representing nine lines of trade. Total sales for the first two months of 1950 were 2% below sales for the first two months of 1949. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) was 244.8 for February, 1950 and for February, 1949, and 231.5 for January, 1950.

Variations in percentage changes in sales between February, 1949 and February, 1950 for the various regions of the country were small. Dollar sales in both Ontario and the Prairie Provinces were 2% above those for February, 1949, while decreases of less than 1% were recorded for the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia. Sales in Quebec were down 6% from February a year ago.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

FEBRUARY 1950





### Food Increases Most Prominent

Fruit and vegetable wholesalers and grocery wholesalers were the only two among the nine trades to register appreciable gains in dollar volume of sales over February last year. Sales of fruit and vegetable wholesalers were up 13% and grocery wholesalers' sales, 8%. Minor gains of 3% and 2% were recorded by drug wholesalers and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers respectively.

### Dry Goods, Apparel, Automotive Equipment, and Hardware Sales Down

Sales of wholesalers of clothing, dry goods, and footwear were lower than the dollar volume of sales in February a year ago by 4%, 9% and 13% respectively. Sales of automotive equipment wholesalers were down 9%, while a drop of 16% was reported by hardware wholesalers.

### Slight Decrease in Dollar Value of Inventories

Dollar value of stocks in the hands of wholesalers at the end of February 1950 in the nine trades under review was less than 1% below the dollar value of inventories at February 28, 1949, but 6% higher than at the end of January 1950.

Footwear wholesalers reported an increase over last year of 23% in value of stocks on hand, while stocks of automotive equipment dealers were up 8% in value. Minor gains of from 1% to 3% were recorded for wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, dry goods, hardware, and drugs. Clothing wholesalers' inventories remained unchanged from the same date a year ago.

Declines in value of stocks on hand were registered in the fruit and vegetable (8%) and grocery trades (11%).

### Stocks-Sales Comparison for Grocery Trade

Inventories of wholesale grocers at the beginning of February this year were 12% in excess of sales during that month. Stocks were considerably lower in relation to sales in February this year than in the two preceding years. Wholesale grocers' inventories at the beginning of February 1949 were 62% higher than February sales, while the corresponding figure for 1948 was 53%.

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**Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade**

Trade and Region	Percentage Change				INVENTORY  Feb. 1950 Feb. 1949
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	January 1950 January 1949	February 1950 February 1949	February 1950 January 1950	Jan.-to- Feb. 1950 Jan.-to- Feb. 1949	
Automotive Equipment ...	- 8.8	- 9.0	+ 3.0	- 8.9	+ 7.7
Maritimes and Quebec .	-21.9	- 2.6	+37.3	-11.8	
Ontario .....	- 1.6	- 6.7	- 9.7	- 4.1	
Western Provinces	-10.4	-13.6	- 0.6	-12.0	
Drugs .....	- 9.7	+ 3.2	- 2.3	+ 3.8	+ 1.4
Maritimes, Que. and Ont.	- 6.3	+ 3.2	- 5.8	- 1.9	
Western Provinces ...	-17.2	+ 3.3	+ 7.6	- 7.7	
Clothing .....	-21.2	- 3.8	+24.4	-12.4	+ 0.3
Quebec .....	- 8.2	- 3.9			
Ont. & Western Provinces	-29.6	- 3.7			
Footwear	-12.3	-12.5	+61.8	-12.4	+22.8
Maritimes and Quebec .	-19.1	-20.8			
Ont. & Western Provinces	- 6.7	- 2.8			
Dry Goods .....	-16.4	- 9.4	+27.6	-12.6	+ 2.3
Maritimes and Quebec .	-22.4	-16.9	+36.6	-19.3	
Ontario .....	-14.1	- 2.5	+27.0	- 8.0	
Western Provinces ...	-10.3	- 6.4	+12.3	- 8.3	
Fruits and Vegetables ..	+ 0.6	+12.7	+12.5	+ 6.7	- 8.1
Maritimes and Quebec .	+ 0.1	+ 2.0	+20.5	+ 1.2	
Ontario .....	+ 1.3	+ 8.5	- 2.2	+ 4.7	
Western Provinces ....	(x)	+22.8	+28.2	+11.6	
Groceries .....	+ 1.8	+ 8.3	+ 4.7	+ 5.0	-11.4
Maritimes .....	+ 5.7	+ 3.8	- 3.5	+ 4.8	
Quebec .....	+ 7.7	+15.5	+24.6	+11.9	
Ontario .....	- 2.8	+ 4.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.7	
Prairies .....	+ 7.1	+11.1	+ 5.1	+ 9.1	
British Columbia ....	- 3.2	+11.4	+ 5.0	+ 3.8	
Hardware .....	-14.2	-15.8	+ 1.7	-15.0	+ 2.1
Maritimes .....	-16.5	-20.4	+ 6.0	-18.6	
Quebec .....	-13.6	-19.2	-18.7	-16.2	
Ontario .....	- 4.5	- 4.1	+ 2.3	- 4.3	
Western Provinces ...	-20.6	-19.8	+ 5.4	-20.2	
Tobacco and Confectionery	- 0.2	+ 1.9	- 4.1	+ 0.8	+ 2.6
Maritimes and Quebec .	+ 5.1	+ 3.5	- 1.9	+ 4.3	
Ontario .....	- 1.2	+ 1.5	+ 0.9	+ 0.2	
Western Provinces ...	- 2.6	+ 1.5	- 6.7	- 0.7	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	- 1.1	- 0.6	- 0.3	- 0.8	
Quebec .....	- 6.5	- 5.5	+14.9	- 6.0	
Ontario .....	- 3.9	+ 1.9	+ 1.8	- 1.1	
Prairies .....	- 4.0	+ 1.5	+ 9.1	- 1.2	
British Columbia ...	- 9.0	- 0.2	- 1.6	- 4.8	
CANADA .....	- 4.8	(x)	+ 5.7	+ 2.4	- 0.6

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

WHOLESALE TRADE									
Year and Month	AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				Western Provinces				
	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
February 1947	231.2	218.0	218.9	238.8	220.2	260.4	335.2	428.7	318.5
February 1948	239.5	218.9	241.4	242.9	217.3	287.0	331.5	391.0	322.6
February 1949	244.8	224.6	230.3	251.9	237.9	277.8	340.1	332.7	343.6
January 1950	231.5	223.9	189.3	252.1	221.3	281.6	300.6	235.9	295.1
February 1950	244.8	223.3	217.6	256.7	241.5	277.2	309.5	324.0	296.6

DRUGS									
Year and Month	CLOTHING				FOOTWEAR				
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
February 1947	221.1	216.5	237.2	277.2	296.8	224.8	272.0	177.3	
February 1948	251.4	242.0	282.0	264.4	268.3	265.0	296.2	231.7	
February 1949	266.7	259.9	289.6	223.7	240.7	236.1	269.8	218.7	
January 1950	281.8	284.8	278.0	173.0	130.2	143.6	207.1	182.2	
February 1950	275.2	268.2	299.2	215.2	210.6	196.2	263.1	204.7	

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES									
Year and Month	GROCERIES				Western Provinces				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	
February 1947	200.3	222.0	159.5	211.6	189.2	228.6	219.7	209.4	220.6
February 1948	201.3	226.4	168.9	200.6	182.6	261.1	197.5	210.9	177.4
February 1949	211.8	230.9	157.8	217.0	199.8	280.2	203.8	202.5	195.7
January 1950	219.2	248.4	146.3	226.2	211.2	297.3	204.1	171.5	187.5
February 1950	229.4	239.7	182.3	226.8	312.1	222.0	229.7	206.6	240.3

TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY									
Year and Month	HARDWARE				Western Provinces				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	
February 1947	293.1	215.0	257.2	280.3	315.8	245.7	220.4	258.5	232.5
February 1948	314.8	236.7	299.6	309.5	320.2	277.1	268.9	286.4	263.0
February 1949	321.4	269.4	297.2	327.8	322.4	292.1	284.0	296.7	281.7
January 1950	266.0	202.3	295.4	307.3	245.3	310.2	299.5	298.4	306.5
February 1950	270.6	214.4	240.1	314.4	258.6	297.6	293.9	301.2	285.9





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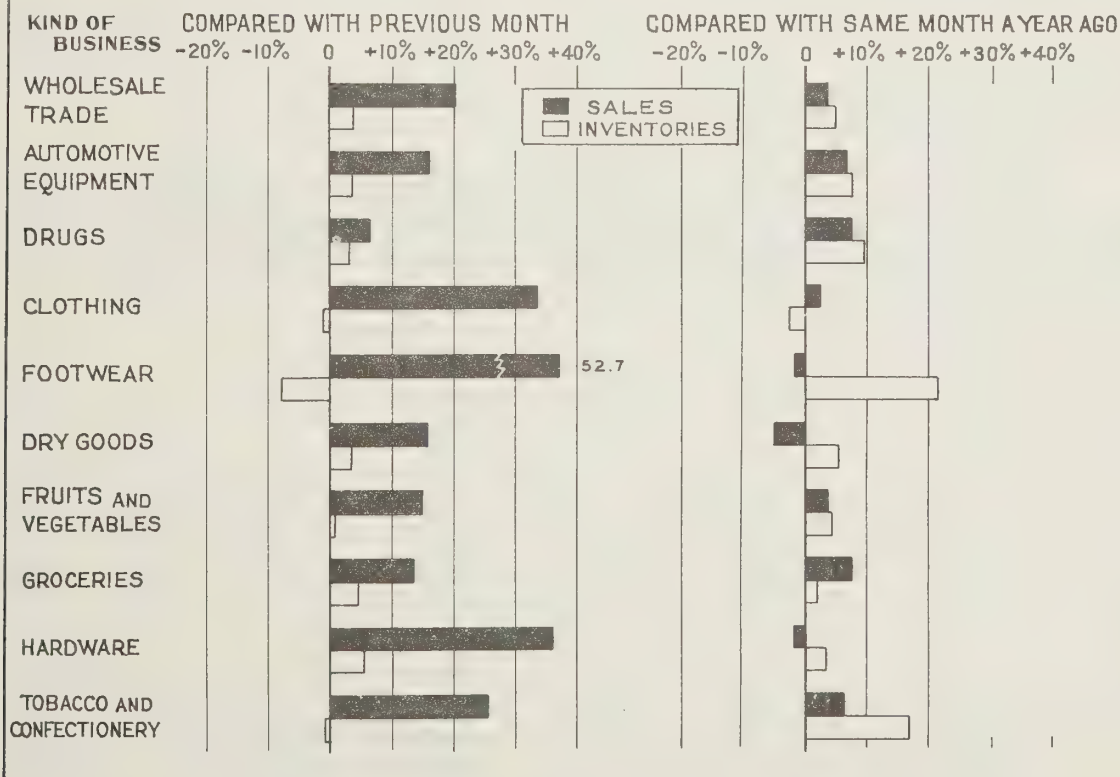
## Dollar Sales Turn Upward

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in March 1950 advanced 4% over March 1949 and 20% over February this year, according to statements submitted by 370 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The March gain brought total sales for the first quarter of 1950 practically level with the first quarter of 1949. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 294.2 for March 1950, 283.4 for March 1949, and 244.6 for February 1950.

Increases over March 1949 were registered for all provinces and ranged from 1% for Quebec to 6% for British Columbia.

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MARCH 1950



### Changes from March 1949 are Minor

While trends varied between the different trades, no group reported a very wide gain or loss. Wholesale grocers' and druggists' sales were 8% in excess of March a year ago, while an increase of 7% was recorded by automotive equipment and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers. Slightly smaller gains of 4% and 3% were registered for fruit and vegetable dealers and clothing wholesalers respectively.

Footwear and hardware wholesalers both reported March 1950 sales 2% lower than in March a year ago, while dry goods wholesalers' sales decreased 5%.

### Stocks Valued 5% Higher

The value of stocks in the hands of wholesalers at the end of March 1950, in the nine lines of trade, was 5% higher than the inventory value at the same date a year ago. The only decrease in inventory from last year was that for clothing wholesalers whose stocks were down 2%. Footwear wholesalers and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported substantial increases of 22% and 17% respectively. Drug wholesalers' stocks were 10% higher than at the corresponding date in 1949, while automotive equipment dealers reported stocks 8% above the value of a year ago. Increases in value of stocks on hand for the other trades ranged between 2% and 6%.

### Stocks-Sales Ratio in the Grocery Trade

Stocks in the hands of wholesale grocers at the beginning of March this year were valued 9% in excess of sales during that month. At March 1st of the two preceding years, the margin of stocks over sales was 25%.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Trade and Region	Percentage Change				INVENTORY  March 1950 March 1949
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)	March 1950 February 1950	Jan.-to- March 1950 Jan.-to- March 1949	
	February 1950 February 1949	March 1950 March 1949			
Automotive Equipment.....	- 8.6	+ 6.8	+16.0	- 3.5	+ 7.6
Maritimes and Quebec..	- 2.6	- 1.4	- 8.4	- 8.4	
Ontario .....	- 5.7	+ 9.9	+17.8	+ 0.9	
Western Provinces ....	-13.4	+ 6.8	+26.7	- 5.5	
Drugs .....	+ 3.0	+ 7.6	+ 6.4	- 0.2	+ 9.7
Maritimes, Que., and Ont.	+ 3.2	+11.1	+ 7.5	+ 2.2	
Western Provinces ....	+ 2.5	(x)	+ 2.9	- 5.4	
Clothing .....	- 5.7	+ 2.5	+33.6	- 7.3	- 2.4
Quebec .....	- 3.9	+17.1			
Ont. & Western Provinces	- 6.7	- 7.0			
Footwear .....	- 8.0	- 1.6	+52.7	- 5.9	+21.5
Maritimes and Quebec..	-20.9	+ 4.1			
Ont. & Western Provinces	+ 3.7	- 6.0			
Dry Goods .....	- 9.5	- 5.0	+15.9	- 9.8	+ 5.5
Maritimes and Quebec..	-17.1	- 6.5	+28.1	-14.4	
Ontario .....	- 2.5	- 9.5	+ 3.6	- 8.5	
Western Provinces ...	- 6.4	+ 4.4	+36.0	- 3.4	
Fruits and Vegetables ..	+13.0	+ 3.8	+14.9	+ 5.7	+ 4.6
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+ 2.0	- 2.9	+13.3	- 0.4	
Ontario .....	+ 8.5	+ 4.0	+25.3	+ 4.5	
Western Provinces ....	+23.5	+ 6.6	+ 3.6	+ 9.9	
Groceries .....	+ 8.4	+ 7.7	+13.8	+ 6.0	+ 2.0
Maritimes .....	+ 4.0	+ 7.6	+28.9	+ 5.9	
Quebec .....	+15.5	+19.3	+21.3	+14.8	
Ontario .....	+ 4.5	+ 6.2	+14.9	+ 2.7	
Prairies .....	+11.3	+11.4	+12.2	+10.3	
British Columbia .....	+11.4	- 1.8	- 3.2	+ 1.9	
Hardware .....	-15.9	- 1.8	+36.1	-10.1	+ 3.6
Maritimes .....	-15.2	+ 0.1	+40.5	- 9.7	
Quebec .....	-19.2	-11.7	+25.0	-14.6	
Ontario .....	- 6.2	- 2.8	+26.1	- 4.4	
Western Provinces ...	-19.8	+ 3.0	+48.1	-11.6	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 2.3	+ 6.5	+25.6	+ 3.0	+17.0
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+ 3.3	+ 9.6	+40.4	+ 6.3	
Ontario .....	+ 1.8	+ 5.0	+13.6	+ 1.9	
Western Provinces ...	+ 2.3	+ 6.5	+29.1	+ 2.2	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	- 0.1	+ 5.2	+28.9	+ 1.6	
Quebec .....	- 5.5	+ 0.8	+24.1	- 3.4	
Ontario .....	+ 1.5	+ 3.6	+16.7	+ 0.5	
Prairies .....	+ 1.9	+ 4.4	+19.0	+ 1.0	
British Columbia .....	- 0.6	+ 6.4	+21.2	- 1.0	
CANADA .....	- 0.1	+ 3.8	+20.3	- 0.1	+ 5.1

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March 1947	257.2	255.0	251.0	251.9	252.8	293.6	341.3	373.0	297.3	372.6
March 1948	264.9	266.7	265.6	266.8	240.7	311.8	313.4	354.4	321.7	305.5
March 1949	283.4	275.0	268.0	288.1	276.3	314.6	337.5	300.9	341.0	353.2
February 1950	244.6	224.4	217.6	255.7	242.4	276.1	310.9	324.0	318.3	297.5
March 1950	294.2	289.3	270.1	298.5	288.5	334.7	360.5	296.7	374.8	377.2

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Western	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
		Quebec									
March 1947	223.4	218.9	236.3		284.1	300.2	286.0	260.1	294.1	261.5	
March 1948	243.7	236.0	265.4		300.0	298.7	266.3	268.5	282.6	264.0	
March 1949	271.7	259.6	305.5		274.8	343.5	269.2	268.1	301.3	266.3	
February 1950	274.7	268.2	296.8		210.9	221.4	220.6	195.7	263.1	204.7	
March 1950	292.3	288.4	305.5		281.7	338.0	255.7	250.7	272.7	278.3	

Year and Month	STOCKPIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March 1947 ....	215.7	254.8	164.6	212.9	202.4	260.7	261.2	243.4	259.8	263.2
March 1948 ....	226.9	272.1	192.9	226.3	201.0	295.6	216.0	206.6	237.2	194.2
March 1949 ....	242.6	287.6	185.4	245.5	225.9	307.7	254.9	241.1	275.2	235.0
February 1950 ..	229.6	240.1	182.3	226.8	224.4	312.1	230.3	206.6	228.4	241.7
March 1950 ....	261.3	309.5	221.2	260.7	251.7	302.2	264.6	234.1	286.2	250.5

Year and Month	HARDWARE				TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March 1947	335.5	297.8	305.6	314.4	352.5	281.2	291.9	269.4	271.6
March 1948	351.3	329.4	346.2	354.6	341.6	342.8	387.1	318.7	328.9
March 1949	374.5	320.8	340.0	398.9	371.7	352.4	375.9	326.7	349.3
February 1950	270.3	228.5	240.1	307.5	258.6	298.8	293.4	302.0	288.2
March 1950	367.8	321.1	300.2	387.7	382.9	375.3	412.0	343.0	372.0



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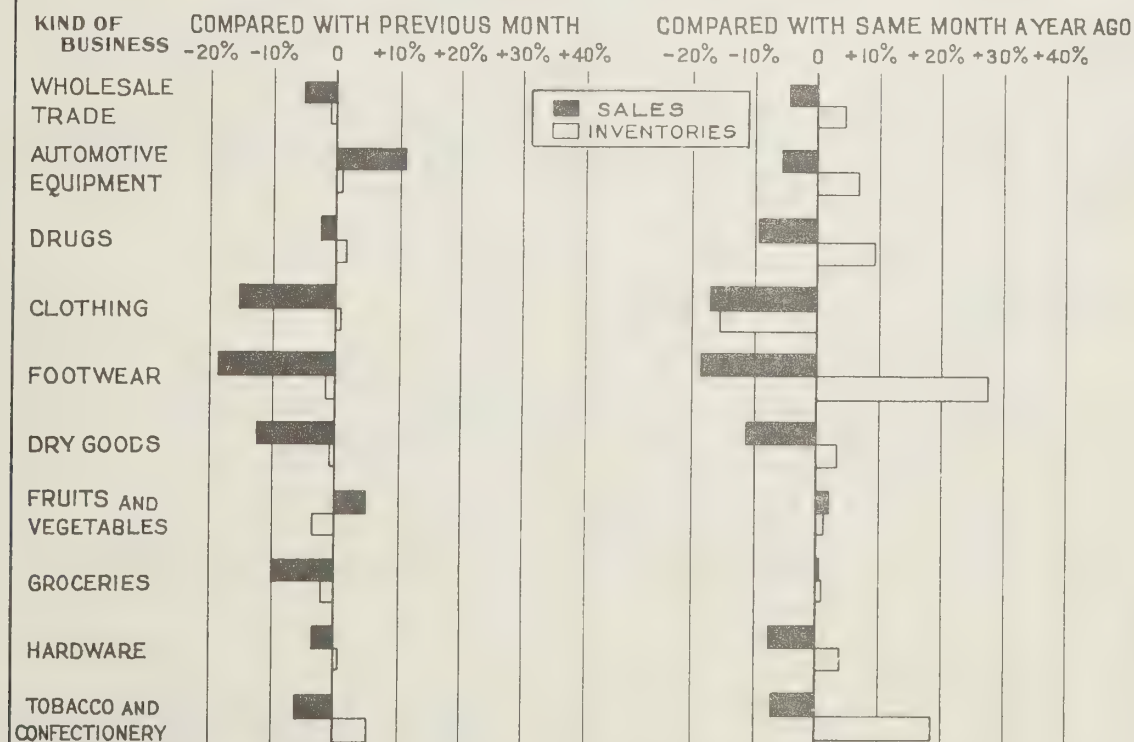
## April Sales Down 4% from 1949

Dollar value of wholesale sales, as reported by 366 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade, declined 4% in April 1950 from April 1949, and was 5% lower than in March 1950. Cumulative sales for the first four months of 1950 were 1% below the total for the corresponding period of 1949. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 278.9 for April 1950, 291.7 for April 1949, and 293.6 for March 1950.

Decreases from April 1949 were recorded in sales for all regions of the country. Sales in British Columbia were only slightly

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below April last year with a decrease of 1%. A decline of 4% was registered for Ontario and of 5% for the Maritime Provinces and the Prairie Provinces. Quebec sales were 7% below April a year ago.

#### One Trade Only Shows Gain

Fruit and vegetable dealers, with sales up 2% had the only increase among the nine trades included in the survey, comparing April 1950 with April 1949. Grocery wholesalers' sales were practically the same as in April a year ago, small gains in Quebec and British Columbia being offset by declines in the Maritime and Prairie Provinces.

The drop in sales of automotive equipment wholesalers amounted to 6%, corresponding with the decrease for the year to date. Hardware wholesalers' sales were 7% below April 1949. This was the only trade for which the April decline was smaller than the decline for the year to date, which in this case was 9%. Sales of tobacco and confectionery wholesalers were also 7% below April 1949, while decreases of 10% and 12% were recorded for drugs and dry goods respectively. Largest decreases were reported by clothing wholesalers, at 17%, and footwear wholesalers, at 19%.

#### Stocks 5% Higher

The value of stocks in the hands of wholesalers in the nine trades surveyed was 5% higher at April 30, 1950 than at the end of April 1949. Clothing wholesalers' inventories remained 16% lower in value, but all other trades reported stocks higher in value than in 1949.

Fruit and vegetable dealers' and grocery wholesalers' stocks were valued 1% higher than at April 30, 1949. Inventories of hardware wholesalers and dry goods wholesalers at the end of April were valued 4% above those on the same date last year, while increases of 7% and 10% were recorded for automotive equipment wholesalers and drug wholesalers respectively. Stocks in the hands of wholesale tobacco and confectionery dealers were 19% in excess of the value at April 30 a year ago, while an increase of 27% was recorded by footwear wholesalers.

#### Stock-Sales Ratio in the Grocery Trade

Stocks in the hands of wholesale grocers at the beginning of April 1950 were valued 19% in excess of sales during April, while the corresponding figures for 1948 and 1949 were 9% and 14% respectively.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Trade and Region	Percentage Change				
	SALES				INVENTORY
	(1) March 1950 <u>March</u> 1949	(2) April 1950 <u>April</u> 1949	April 1950 <u>March</u> 1950	Jan.-to- April 1950 <u>Jan.-to-</u> April 1949	April 1950 <u>April 1949</u>
Automotive Equipment ...	- 0.6	- 5.7	+11.1	- 5.9	+ 6.7
Maritimes and Quebec ..	- 1.4	- 6.7	+10.6	- 8.0	
Ontario .....	+ 9.9	- 1.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	
Western Provinces .....	- 8.8	- 9.3	+21.6	-10.4	
Drugs .....	+ 7.6	- 9.7	- 2.4	- 2.8	+ 9.6
Maritimes, Que., and Ont.	+10.9	-11.9	- 5.6	- 1.7	
Western Provinces ...	(x)	- 3.7	+ 3.9	- 5.0	
Clothing .....	- 0.7	-17.4	-15.2	-11.0	-15.6
Quebec .....	+17.1	-18.2			
Ont. & Western Provinces	-10.0	-16.6			
Footwear .....	+ 2.0	-18.7	-18.7	- 8.9	+27.3
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+ 4.1	-20.0			
Ont. & Western Provinces	+ 0.5	-17.6			
Dry Goods .....	- 5.1	-11.6	-12.4	-10.3	+ 3.7
Maritimes and Quebec ..	- 6.6	-12.3	-10.7	-13.9	
Ontario .....	- 9.5	- 9.8	-15.0	- 8.8	
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.4	-13.0	-26.8	- 5.8	
Fruits and Vegetables ...	+ 4.1	+ 2.1	+ 5.0	+ 4.7	+ 1.4
Maritimes and Quebec ..	- 2.3	- 0.5	+ 9.5	- 0.3	
Ontario .....	+ 4.0	- 2.3	+20.2	+ 2.2	
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.9	+ 8.2	+13.2	+ 9.8	
Groceries .....	+ 8.1	+ 0.4	-10.0	+ 4.7	+ 0.8
Maritimes .....	+ 7.6	- 1.5	-18.2	+ 4.0	
Quebec .....	+18.6	+ 4.1	-12.3	+11.6	
Ontario .....	+ 6.4	+ 0.3	-14.0	+ 2.1	
Prairies .....	+12.0	- 0.5	- 9.4	+ 7.6	
British Columbia .....	- 1.8	+ 0.9	+ 5.3	+ 1.6	
Hardware .....	- 1.9	- 7.2	- 3.3	- 9.3	
Maritimes .....	+ 0.1	- 9.7	+ 5.1	- 9.7	+ 4.0
Quebec .....	-11.7	-12.5	- 1.9	-14.1	
Ontario .....	- 3.1	- 4.5	+ 1.8	- 4.5	
Western Provinces .....	+ 3.0	- 5.9	- 4.0	-10.0	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 5.8	- 7.0	- 6.1	(x)	+18.7
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+ 9.2	- 7.9	- 3.0	+ 1.8	
Ontario .....	+ 4.3	- 1.4	+ 1.4	+ 0.8	
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.8	-12.5	-20.6	- 1.8	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 5.2	- 4.9	- 9.2	- 0.2	
Quebec .....	+ 1.5	- 7.0	- 8.4	- 4.2	
Ontario .....	+ 3.6	- 3.8	- 2.0	- 0.7	
Prairies .....	+ 4.7	- 5.0	- 5.5	- 0.6	
British Columbia ...	+ 3.7	- 0.7	- 1.3	- 1.6	
CANADA .....	+ 3.6	- 4.4	- 5.0	- 1.4	+ 4.6

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE							AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
April 1947	269.0	291.0	257.3	275.0	252.0	305.4	360.9	411.9	308.3	298.3	
April 1948	285.1	297.7	281.0	296.5	249.0	344.4	368.1	412.3	370.6	353.2	
April 1949	291.7	276.3	267.3	303.9	287.8	324.4	395.3	351.7	381.3	432.0	
March 1950	293.2	289.2	277.2	299.2	299.2	307.2	331.2	336.7	344.8	322.2	
April 1950	278.9	262.6	242.0	291.4	273.2	322.1	311.2	321.1	340.0	391.8	

Year and Month	CLOTHING							DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	Ontario	Prairies	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
April 1947	248.8	240.5	266.4	270.3	270.3	294.2	282.0	291.8	294.0	239.2	
April 1948	288.9	279.5	308.8	253.5	253.5	288.9	259.2	266.4	272.5	218.9	
April 1949	312.2	308.2	329.7	280.1	280.1	350.4	252.2	254.9	257.0	234.0	
March 1950	292.3	287.9	305.5	272.9	272.9	350.4	255.5	250.4	272.7	278.3	
April 1950	285.4	271.9	317.3	231.4	231.4	284.9	223.7	223.5	231.8	203.6	

Year and Month	GROCERIES							FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
April 1947	222.5	279.4	188.3	233.8	191.0	259.4	257.1	271.8	294.2	269.2	
April 1948	252.0	292.5	226.3	251.8	218.5	321.4	231.1	254.7	282.4	218.9	
April 1949	235.1	257.1	185.3	223.9	230.3	315.3	272.9	259.3	352.2	265.3	
March 1950	262.3	309.5	219.9	261.2	253.0	302.2	265.4	235.5	286.2	253.6	
April 1950	236.0	253.2	192.9	224.6	229.1	318.1	278.6	258.0	344.1	287.1	

Year and Month	HARDWARE							TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
April 1947	348.5	341.0	301.9	333.8	378.4	308.4	308.4	347.0	292.4	272.8	
April 1948	376.0	405.1	356.2	387.9	374.6	348.5	348.5	409.8	340.4	292.2	
April 1949	382.8	373.9	336.6	411.9	390.7	376.4	376.4	432.3	350.3	335.2	
March 1950	367.4	321.1	300.2	386.5	382.9	372.8	372.8	410.5	340.7	369.6	
April 1950	355.2	337.6	294.5	393.4	367.6	350.1	350.1	398.1	345.4	293.3	



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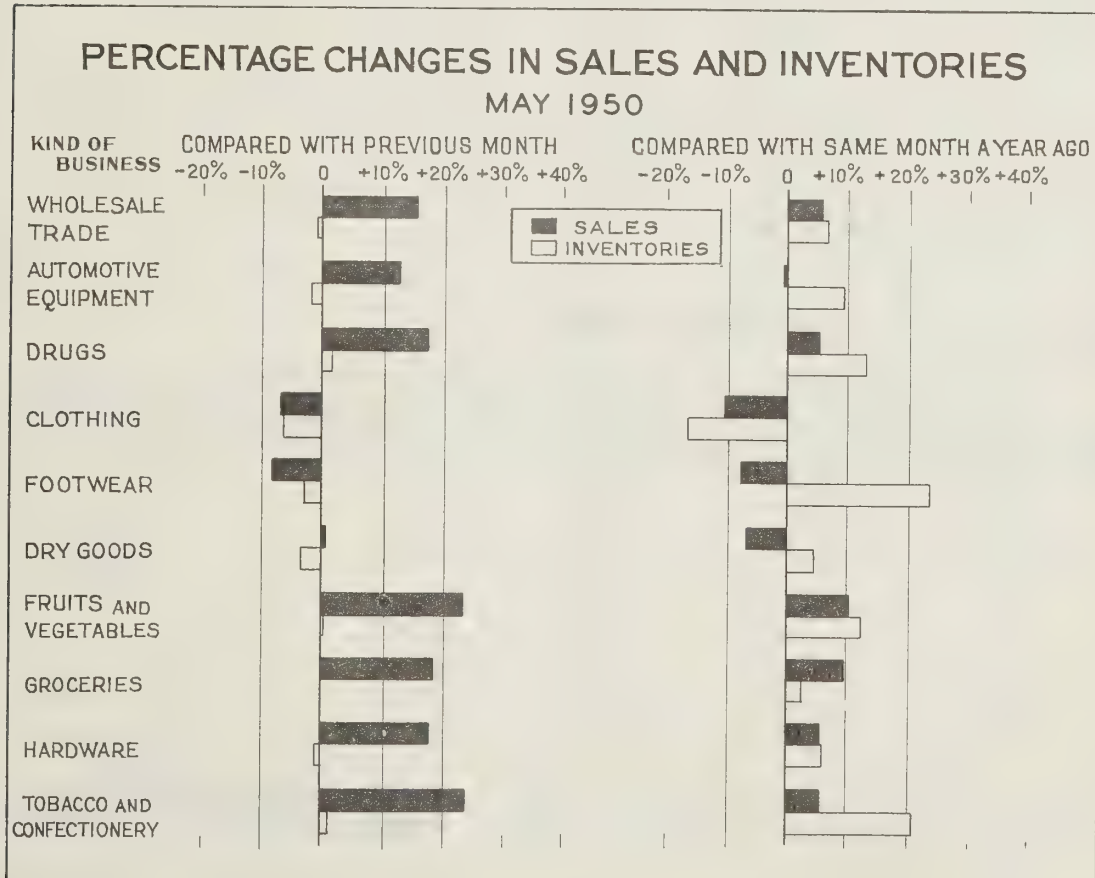
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# WHOLESALE TRADE

## MAY 1950

Dollar value of wholesale sales in May 1950 advanced 6% over May last year and 15% over April 1950 according to reports submitted by 368 wholesalers in nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the first five months of the current year practically equalled the dollar volume in the corresponding period of 1949. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 320.9 for May 1950, 278.9 for April 1950, and 303.0 for May 1949.

Percentage changes from May a year ago were fairly uniform for all regions of the country. Sales in the Maritime Provinces and B.C. Quebec were 8% and 7% higher. Ontario sales were up 6% while in Quebec and the Prairie Provinces gains amounted to 5% and 4%.





### Food Trades Lead in Gains

Gains of 10% in dollar sales in the grocery trade and the fruit and vegetable trade were the largest recorded by individual kinds of business. Tobacco and confectionery, drugs, and hardware wholesalers all reported sales volumes 6% higher than in May a year ago, the latter registering a gain over the preceding year for the first time in seven months.

### Dry Goods and Apparel Sales Remain Lower

The series of declines in sales of dry goods wholesalers was extended to nine successive months when May sales this year declined 7% below those in May 1949. Footwear wholesalers' sales were down 8%, while a drop of 11% was recorded in clothing wholesalers' sales.

Automotive equipment wholesalers registered a decrease of less than 1%, but the trend varied by regions. A gain of 13% was reported for the Maritimes and Quebec combined, Ontario sales were up 4%, while a drop of 8% occurred in Western Canada.

### Stocks Higher - Except Clothing

Clothing, with a decrease of 17%, was the only wholesale trade among the nine covered, to register a lower stock value at the end of May 1950 than at May 31 last year. Inventories in the nine trades combined were valued 6% higher than at the same date a year ago.

Major increases were recorded for wholesalers of footwear (23%) and tobacco and confectionery (21%). Fruit and vegetable and drug wholesalers' stocks were valued 13% higher than at the end of May a year ago, while hardware, dry goods, and grocery wholesalers reported increases of 6%, 4%, and 2% respectively.

### Stocks-Sales Ratio in the Grocery Trade

Stocks in the hands of wholesale grocers at the beginning of May were practically equal in value to sales during that month. Corresponding comparisons in 1948 and 1949 indicated stocks 11% and 6% respectively higher than sales.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Trade and Region	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	April	May	May	Jan.-to-	
	1950	1950	1950	May 1950	
	April	May	April	Jan.-to-	May 1950
	1949	1949	1950	May 1949	May 1949
Automotive Equipment ...	- 5.8	- 0.6	+12.6	- 4.7	+ 9.4
Maritimes and Quebec ..	- 7.5	+13.4	+56.6	- 2.6	
Ontario .....	- 1.0	+ 3.7	+ 3.4	+ 1.1	
Western Provinces ....	- 9.4	- 8.2	+ 7.3	- 9.9	
Drugs .....	- 9.7	+ 5.6	+17.2	- 1.0	+13.1
Maritimes, Que., and Ont.	-12.0	+5.9	+21.4	- 0.1	
Western Provinces ....	- 3.7	+4.8	+ 8.9	- 2.9	
Clothing .....	-18.1	-10.5	- 6.5	-11.1	-16.7
Quebec .....	-18.2	- 7.4	-	-	
Ont. & Western Provinces	-18.1	-12.4	-	-	
Footwear .....	-19.6	- 7.6	- 8.0	- 8.9	+23.4
Maritimes and Quebec ..	-20.5	+ 2.6	-	-	
Ont. & Western Provinces	-19.4	-16.7	-	-	
Dry Goods .....	-12.1	- 6.7	+ 0.9	- 9.7	+ 4.4
Maritimes and Quebec ..	-13.5	- 9.8	- 7.6	-13.3	
Ontario .....	- 9.8	- 0.9	+11.7	- 7.3	
Western Provinces ....	-13.0	- 9.6	+ 4.8	- 6.6	
Fruits and Vegetables ..	+ 2.4	+10.2	+23.1	+ 6.1	+12.7
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+ 0.5	+ 3.8	+20.8	+ 1.0	
Ontario .....	- 2.3	+14.8	+ 4.3	+ 5.1	
Western Provinces ....	+ 8.4	+ 9.1	+14.3	+ 9.6	
Groceries .....	+ 0.6	+ 9.8	+18.1	+ 5.8	+ 2.4
Maritimes .....	- 1.3	+ 7.0	+23.9	+ 4.7	
Quebec .....	+ 5.1	+12.1	+17.6	+11.9	
Ontario .....	+ 0.4	+ 6.0	+23.9	+ 3.0	
Prairies .....	- 0.5	+11.4	+17.8	+ 8.4	
British Columbia .....	+ 0.9	+15.5	+12.2	+ 4.4	
Hardware .....	- 7.1	+ 5.7	+17.7	- 6.0	+ 5.9
Maritimes .....	- 7.3	+11.6	+18.8	- 4.1	
Quebec .....	-11.2	+ 8.2	+20.7	- 9.3	
Ontario .....	- 5.6	+ 9.7	+22.2	- 1.5	
Western Provinces ....	- 5.9	+ 1.6	+17.4	- 7.3	
Tobacco and Confectionery	- 6.8	+ 5.7	+23.8	+ 1.4	+20.7
Maritimes and Quebec ..	- 8.1	+11.1	+ 7.8	+ 3.8	
Ontario .....	- 1.8	+ 5.7	+30.4	+ 2.0	
Western Provinces ....	-11.4	+ 3.2	+29.6	- 0.5	
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Maritimes .....	- 4.3	+ 7.8	+27.9	+ 1.2	
Quebec .....	- 6.8	+ 5.5	+11.5	- 2.1	
Ontario .....	- 4.0	+ 6.4	+23.5	+ 0.9	
Prairies .....	- 5.0	+ 4.3	+15.2	+ 0.5	
British Columbia .....	- 0.7	+ 7.0	+15.6	+ 0.3	
CANADA .....	- 4.4	+ 5.9	+15.1	+ 0.2	+ 6.4

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not available.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA		Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May 1947 .....	280.1	297.4	262.9	292.7	267.5	311.9	354.3	457.2	304.1	372.9	
May 1948 .....	274.2	304.8	251.6	301.5	259.2	323.4	381.6	540.4	320.8	392.3	
May 1949 .....	303.0	313.6	263.7	338.6	302.0	348.0	421.7	449.1	376.3	457.4	
April 1950 .....	278.9	264.4	249.6	291.7	273.4	322.1	372.4	325.3	377.5	391.4	
May 1950 .....	320.9	338.1	278.2	360.3	315.0	372.4	419.2	509.3	390.2	419.9	

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA		Maritimes Que.&Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
May 1947 .....	266.7	266.4	265.3	247.3	265.0	270.3	264.3	287.5	257.1		
May 1948 .....	276.6	267.5	298.3	223.8	215.4	248.9	244.2	262.2	236.8		
May 1949 .....	316.7	311.4	329.5	239.5	280.5	240.4	225.9	261.4	236.1		
April 1950 .....	285.4	271.6	317.3	229.4	281.7	222.4	220.5	231.8	203.6		
May 1950 .....	334.4	329.3	345.4	214.4	259.2	224.3	203.8	259.0	213.4		

Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES					
	CANADA		Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May 1947 .....	228.6	266.1	215.3	244.1	203.4	246.9	328.3	324.5	329.0	312.9	
May 1948 .....	237.5	286.1	208.0	243.1	222.9	268.6	242.9	229.2	254.0	227.3	
May 1949 .....	254.4	293.8	204.3	262.8	242.3	308.9	312.1	303.2	312.7	301.4	
April 1950 .....	236.5	253.8	194.8	224.8	229.1	318.1	279.4	260.5	344.1	287.6	
May 1950 .....	279.3	314.4	229.0	278.6	269.9	356.8	343.9	314.7	359.0	328.8	

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA		Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
May 1947 .....	352.3	338.7	295.6	361.5	391.2	355.7	334.2	368.3	321.4	
May 1948 .....	361.1	351.9	323.7	373.4	385.3	370.6	348.2	394.8	325.3	
May 1949 .....	395.8	368.8	333.4	433.1	424.6	411.0	385.5	424.4	373.1	
April 1950 .....	355.6	346.6	298.9	388.3	367.6	350.8	397.3	344.0	297.0	
May 1950 .....	418.4	411.6	360.7	475.1	431.4	434.4	428.3	448.6	385.0	





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## WHOLESALE TRADE

### JUNE 1950

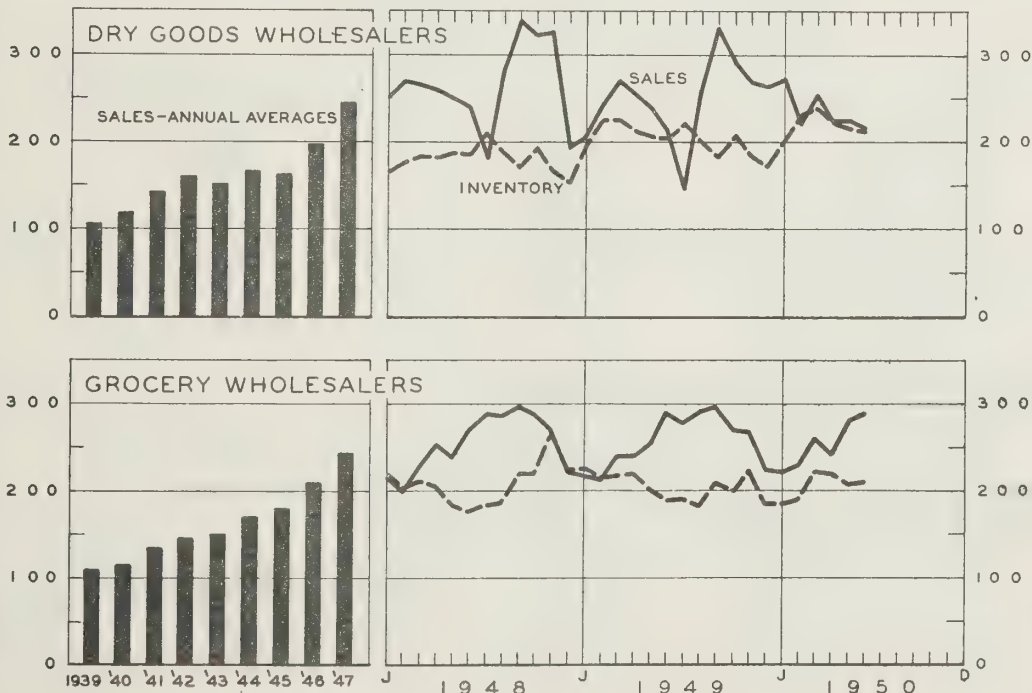
Wholesale sales in June 1950 were 5% greater than the dollar volume in June 1949, while cumulative figures for the first six months of 1950 were up 1% over the corresponding period of last year. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 325.8 for June 1950, 321.5 for May 1950, and 310.9 for June 1949.

All provinces recorded increases over June a year ago, gains ranging from 1% for the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia to 9% for Quebec.

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The following charts, appearing for the first time in this issue, show the trend in sales and inventories, annually from 1939 and monthly for January 1948, for dry goods and grocery wholesalers. These charts are based on index numbers, and do not portray the dollarwise relationship between sales and stocks.

### INDEXES OF SALES AND INVENTORIES OF DRY GOODS AND GROCERY WHOLESALERS (1935-1939=100)



## Sales Trends in Individual Trades

Fruit and vegetable wholesalers' sales advanced 15% over June 1949 to record the largest gain among the nine trades surveyed. Wholesalers of hardware reported sales 9% above the dollar volume for June last year, while increases of 5% were recorded for wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, footwear, and automotive equipment. Gains of 4% and 2% were registered for drug wholesalers and dry goods wholesalers respectively, while clothing and grocery wholesalers' sales were practically unchanged in volume from June a year ago.

## Stocks

The value of stocks on hand at the end of June 1950 was generally higher than at the same date a year ago, totals for the nine trades exceeding the value of inventories at June 30, 1949 by 10%. Fruit and vegetable dealers and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers registered the largest gains of 46% and 24% respectively.

## Grocery and Dry Goods Inventories

A new feature of these monthly reports is the introduction of a table showing inventories of wholesale grocers and dry goods wholesalers (see below). These were formerly published only in the annual summary bulletin "Wholesale Trade".

Both classes of business show higher inventories at the end of June this year than at the same date a year ago. The downward trend between May and June in dry goods inventories is consistent with the normal seasonal movement.

### Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
June 1947	156.8	185.5
June 1948	184.6	175.7
June 1949	203.4	189.2
May 1950	213.8	207.3
June 1950	209.9	210.6

## Stocks-Sales Ratios in the Grocery Trade

Ratios of stocks at the beginning of June to sales during that month (stocks-sales ratio) for the past three years were as follows: June 1948, 104; June 1949, .99; and June 1950, .96.

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Trade and Region	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	May	June	June	Jan.-to-	
	1950	1950	1950	June 1950	
	May	June	May	Jan.-to-	June 1950
	1949	1949	1950	June 1949	June 1949
Automotive Equipment ...	- 0.6	+ 4.9	+ 4.0	- 2.9	+ 10.1
Maritimes and Quebec .	+13.7	+ 3.9	-16.2	- 1.3	
Ontario .....	+ 3.5	+10.9	+11.1	+ 2.8	
Western Provinces ....	- 8.2	(x)	+ 7.4	- 8.0	
Drugs .....	+ 5.4	+ 3.9	- 9.9	- 0.2	+ 12.4
Maritimes, Que., and Ont.	+ 5.8	+ 4.2	-14.0	+ 0.6	
Western Provinces ....	+ 4.3	+ 3.3	+ 1.5	- 1.9	
Clothing .....	-11.3	- 0.1	+ 6.5	- 9.5	+ 1.9
Quebec .....	- 8.5	-11.4			
Ont.&Western Provinces.	-13.1	+12.7			
Footwear .....	- 5.8	+ 5.0	-18.5	- 6.7	+ 12.9
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+ 2.6	+ 5.1			
Ont.& Western Provinces	-12.8	+ 4.9			
Dry Goods .....	- 6.5	+ 1.8	- 3.9	- 7.9	+ 3.2
Maritimes and Quebec .	- 9.2	+ 1.7	+ 6.9	-10.9	
Ontario .....	- 0.9	- 1.6	-13.5	- 6.5	
Western Provinces ....	- 9.6	+ 6.8	- 9.6	- 4.8	
Fruits and Vegetables ..	+10.4	+14.9	+ 3.3	+ 8.0	+ 45.9
Maritimes and Quebec .	+ 4.3	+37.3	+20.3	+ 8.0	
Ontario .....	+15.1	+12.8	- 3.6	+ 9.8	
Western Provinces ....	+ 8.9	+ 8.9	+ 9.8	+ 9.5	
Groceries .....	+ 9.8	- 0.2	+ 3.2	+ 4.6	+ 11.3
Maritimes .....	+ 7.1	+ 0.1	- 2.3	+ 3.9	
Quebec .....	+12.1	+ 4.6	+ 4.9	+10.4	
Ontario .....	+ 6.4	- 2.3	+ 5.6	+ 2.0	
Prairies .....	+11.0	+ 1.8	+ 0.6	+ 6.9	
British Columbia ....	+15.5	- 3.2	+ 1.8	+ 2.9	
Hardware .....	+ 5.7	+ 8.9	+ 6.1	- 3.2	+ 7.8
Maritimes .....	+11.6	+ 9.7	- 7.3	- 1.6	
Quebec .....	+ 8.1	+12.6	+17.2	- 5.3	
Ontario .....	+ 9.7	+10.6	+ 7.0	+ 0.9	
Western Provinces ....	+ 1.6	+ 6.0	+ 3.1	- 4.8	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 6.6	+ 5.2	- 2.7	+ 2.3	+ 23.8
Maritimes and Quebec .	+11.1	+ 2.4	+ 3.0	+ 3.5	
Ontario .....	+ 6.7	+ 4.0	- 9.9	+ 2.6	
Western Provinces ....	+ 4.4	+ 7.8	+ 3.9	+ 1.3	
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Maritimes .....	+ 8.0	+ 1.3	- 8.7	+ 1.8	
Quebec .....	+ 5.3	+ 9.3	+ 1.7	- 0.1	
Ontario .....	+ 6.7	+ 4.2	- 6.4	+ 1.6	
Prairies .....	+ 4.5	+ 5.7	+ 2.9	+ 1.5	
British Columbia ....	+ 6.7	+ 0.7	+ 2.5	+ 0.3	
	+ 6.0	+ 4.8	+ 1.3	+ 1.1	+ 9.6

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# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June 1947	267.3	265.9	245.4	272.0	250.6	330.1	370.1	415.6	338.4	390.8
June 1948	290.0	303.9	254.7	300.6	277.4	342.6	379.0	399.0	349.6	408.0
June 1949	310.9	305.1	258.8	325.2	306.8	377.5	415.0	411.8	388.4	450.8
May 1950	321.5	338.7	278.2	362.2	315.3	371.0	418.4	510.6	387.8	419.9
June 1950	325.8	309.1	282.9	338.9	324.3	380.1	435.3	427.9	430.7	450.8

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING	FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces			CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June 1947	230.8	221.3	254.9	210.9	247.5	213.0	230.4	211.5	180.7
June 1948	274.2	258.5	316.1	243.2	218.5	239.2	249.8	240.3	213.4
June 1949	289.0	271.2	357.6	229.3	206.3	212.2	215.6	227.6	180.7
May 1950	333.3	328.6	343.5	215.2	265.8	224.8	205.1	259.0	213.4
June 1950	300.3	282.6	348.7	229.1	216.6	216.0	213.3	224.0	193.0

Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June 1947	238.8	255.6	213.2	248.1	212.4	300.7	317.3	334.6	306.6	315.9
June 1948	269.4	308.8	224.6	276.4	248.5	331.7	256.1	235.6	281.5	242.0
June 1949	289.9	307.3	234.0	304.9	266.5	375.2	309.4	274.5	307.7	330.8
May 1950	300.3	314.7	233.4	282.0	269.0	356.8	344.0	313.2	359.9	328.2
June 1950	289.3	307.3	244.8	297.9	271.4	363.2	355.5	376.9	347.1	360.2

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June 1947	322.1	313.7	294.4	345.1	327.5	319.7	332.0	304.3	305.0
June 1948	373.0	348.2	367.1	407.6	373.6	387.2	404.4	361.9	368.7
June 1949	407.7	347.9	375.2	459.8	419.6	405.0	430.7	332.9	374.6
May 1950	418.4	411.6	360.4	475.1	431.4	437.7	428.3	453.3	388.5
June 1950	444.0	381.6	422.5	508.5	444.8	426.1	441.0	408.6	403.8



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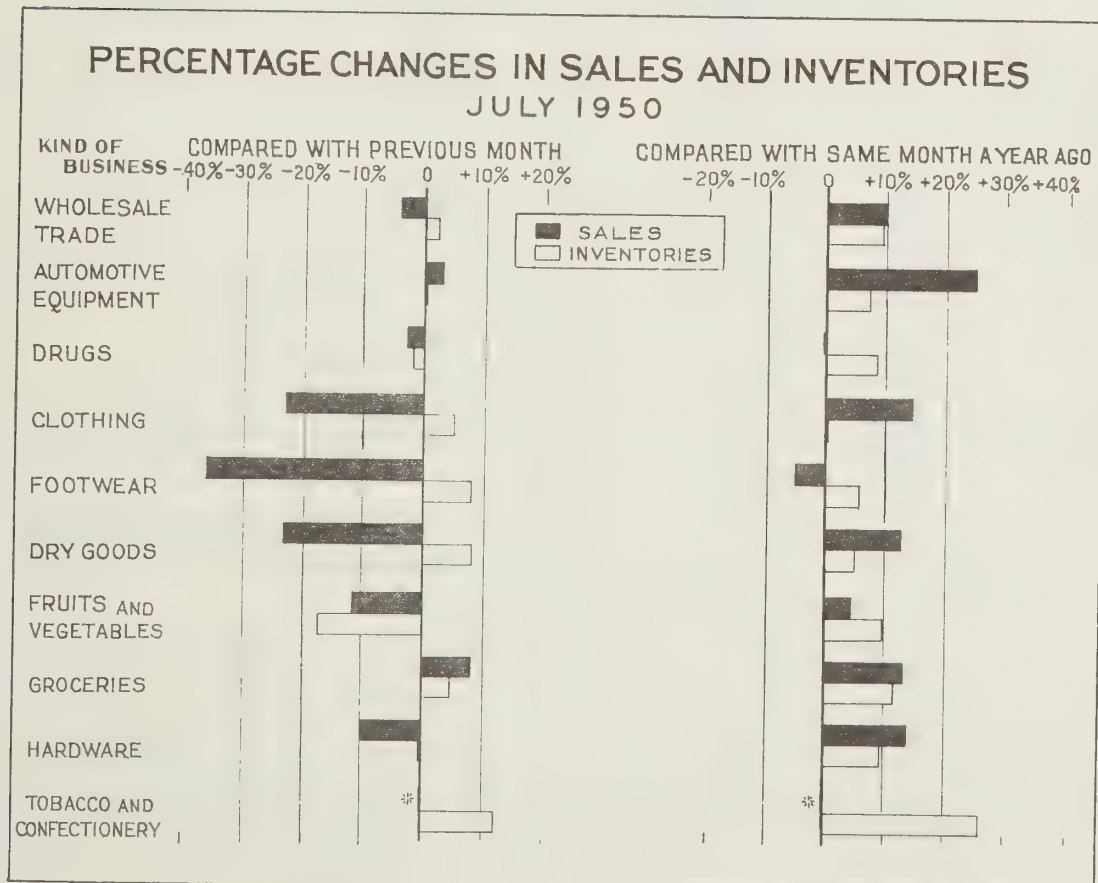
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# WHOLESALE TRADE

## JULY 1950

Sales of wholesalers in Canada in July 1950 were 10% higher in dollar volume than in July a year ago and 4% below June 1950. Cumulative sales for the first seven months of 1950 exceeded the volume for the corresponding period of 1949 by 2%. The general unadjusted index of wholesale sales for the nine lines covered by this survey (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 313.5 for July 1950, 285.5 for July 1949, and 326.4 for June 1950.

Gains were recorded in July for all regions of the country and ranged between 8% and 10% in Ontario and Western Canada and between 4% and 7% in Quebec and the Maritimes.



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## Sales Trends in Individual Trades

Automotive equipment wholesalers registered the greatest gain over July 1949 with dollar sales up 25% as compared with a 1% increase for the first seven months of the year. Increases in hardware, clothing, dry goods, and grocery wholesalers' sales in July amounted to 14%, 14%, 13%, and 13% respectively and were the largest these trades have recorded since the beginning of the year. After showing an increase for the first time this year in June, footwear wholesalers again recorded lower sales than in 1949, the July volume being 5% below that for July last year.

## Stocks

Inventories of wholesalers at the end of July 1950 were valued 9% higher than at the same date a year ago. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported stocks 26% in excess of the inventory value at July 31, 1949, while no change was recorded in the value of stocks held by clothing wholesalers. Gains in the other trades ranged between 5% and 11%.

## Grocery and Dry Goods Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
July 1947	171.8	178.1	.96
July 1948	207.5	184.0	.85
July 1949	220.8	191.4	.91
June 1950	210.5	210.6	.96
July 1950	231.8	213.0	.91

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# Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

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Trade and Region	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	June 1950	July 1950	July 1950	Jan.-to- July 1950	
	June 1949	July 1949	June 1950	Jan.-to- July 1949	July 1950 July 1949
Automotive Equipment	+ 3.8	+ 24.7	+ 3.0	+ 0.7	+ 7.2
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 0.7	+ 20.4	+ 5.0	+ 1.3	
Ontario	+ 9.2	+ 26.5	+ 13.7	+ 6.1	
Western Provinces	(x)	+ 24.5	+ 8.7	+ 4.0	
Drugs	+ 3.7	- 0.1	- 2.9	- 0.2	+ 8.5
Maritimes, Que., and Ont.	+ 3.8	- 0.5	- 3.2	+ 0.4	
Western Provinces	+ 3.3	+ 0.6	- 1.6	- 1.6	
Clothing	+ 0.4	+ 14.2	- 23.1	- 7.2	+ 0.1
Quebec	- 11.4	+ 14.3			
Ont. & Western Provinces	+ 13.2	+ 14.1			
Footwear	+ 5.0	- 5.1	- 36.3	- 6.5	+ 5.7
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 5.1	+ 1.2			
Ont. & Western Provinces	+ 4.9	- 10.2			
Dry Goods	+ 1.3	+ 12.6	- 23.3	- 6.1	+ 5.0
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 1.2	+ 13.6	- 39.7	+ 9.1	
Ontario	- 2.2	+ 15.5	- 16.4	- 4.5	
Western Provinces	+ 6.8	+ 7.9	+ 6.8	+ 3.2	
Fruits and Vegetables	+ 16.3	+ 4.6	- 11.5	+ 7.7	+ 9.7
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 32.6	+ 6.2	- 30.2	+ 7.0	
Ontario	+ 11.3	- 3.3	- 13.6	+ 7.5	
Western Provinces	+ 13.7	+ 10.2	+ 1.3	+ 10.4	
Groceries	(x)	+ 13.0	+ 8.1	+ 6.0	+ 11.3
Maritimes	+ 0.7	+ 7.0	+ 7.2	+ 4.5	
Quebec	+ 3.4	+ 16.7	+ 6.6	+ 11.2	
Ontario	- 1.7	+ 10.7	+ 6.8	+ 3.5	
Prairies	+ 2.1	+ 15.1	+ 15.4	+ 8.3	
British Columbia	- 3.2	+ 17.6	+ 0.3	+ 5.0	
Hardware	+ 9.0	+ 13.8	- 9.9	- 0.8	+ 9.3
Maritimes	+ 12.1	+ 14.8	- 5.9	+ 1.1	
Quebec	+ 12.6	+ 24.0	- 7.2	- 1.3	
Ontario	+ 10.4	+ 15.9	- 24.9	+ 2.7	
Western Provinces	+ 6.0	+ 8.0	- 6.1	- 2.9	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 4.7	(a)	(a)	(a)	+ 26.0
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 2.6	+ 4.3	- 14.3	+ 3.6	
Ontario	+ 5.9	+ 3.0	- 10.6	+ 2.9	
Western Provinces	+ 4.4	(a)	(a)	(a)	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes	+ 1.9	+ 6.5	+ 2.3	+ 2.6	
Quebec	+ 8.8	+ 4.4	- 6.5	+ 1.7	
Ontario	+ 4.4	+ 8.4	- 7.8	+ 2.6	
Prairies	+ 6.1	+ 9.3	+ 2.2	+ 2.8	
British Columbia	+ 0.7	+ 10.1	- 5.4	+ 1.7	
CANADA	+ 5.0	+ 9.8	- 4.0	+ 2.4	+ 9.2

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July 1947	2,769	2,987	2,413	2,792	2,825	3,227	3,482	3,916	3,654	3,163
July 1948	2,835	3,193	2,297	2,837	2,932	3,517	3,492	4,069	3,570	3,204
July 1949	2,855	2,985	2,302	2,888	3,043	3,265	3,558	3,617	3,813	3,307
June 1950	3,264	3,109	2,816	3,395	3,255	3,801	4,308	4,147	4,241	4,508
July 1950	3,135	3,179	2,633	3,131	3,326	3,595	4,437	4,355	4,823	4,117

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que.&C. N.	Western Provinces	CANADA	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July 1947	2,560	2,481	2,783	1,960	2,163	1,808	1,450	2,002	2,294	
July 1948	2,821	2,647	3,320	1,782	1,726	1,790	1,453	1,878	2,381	
July 1949	2,914	2,740	3,410	1,550	1,453	1,464	1,158	1,611	1,910	
June 1950	2,997	2,815	3,487	2,302	2,166	2,150	2,182	2,226	1,930	
July 1950	2,911	2,726	3,430	1,770	1,379	1,648	1,315	1,861	2,061	

Year and Month	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July 1947	2,625	3,057	2,404	2,663	2,434	2,857	3,293	2,705	3,264	3,702
July 1948	2,877	3,326	2,185	2,657	2,934	3,400	2,526	2,083	2,676	2,680
July 1949	2,773	3,100	2,211	2,691	2,729	3,097	3,044	2,393	3,061	3,457
June 1950	2,899	3,095	2,420	2,997	2,722	3,632	3,598	3,640	3,425	3,761
July 1950	3,133	3,317	2,580	3,200	3,141	3,642	3,184	2,541	2,960	3,810

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
July 1947	3,105	2,791	2,721	2,999	3,397	3,398	3,534	3,185	3,305	
July 1948	3,372	3,187	3,056	3,275	3,594	3,840	3,771	3,653	3,771	
July 1949	3,520	3,197	3,163	3,288	3,867	3,771	3,631	3,613	3,711	
June 1950	4,444	3,900	4,225	5,076	4,448	4,240	4,419	4,161	3,911	
July 1950	4,006	3,670	3,922	3,811	4,176	(a)	3,787	3,721	(a)	

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## WHOLESALE TRADE

### AUGUST 1950

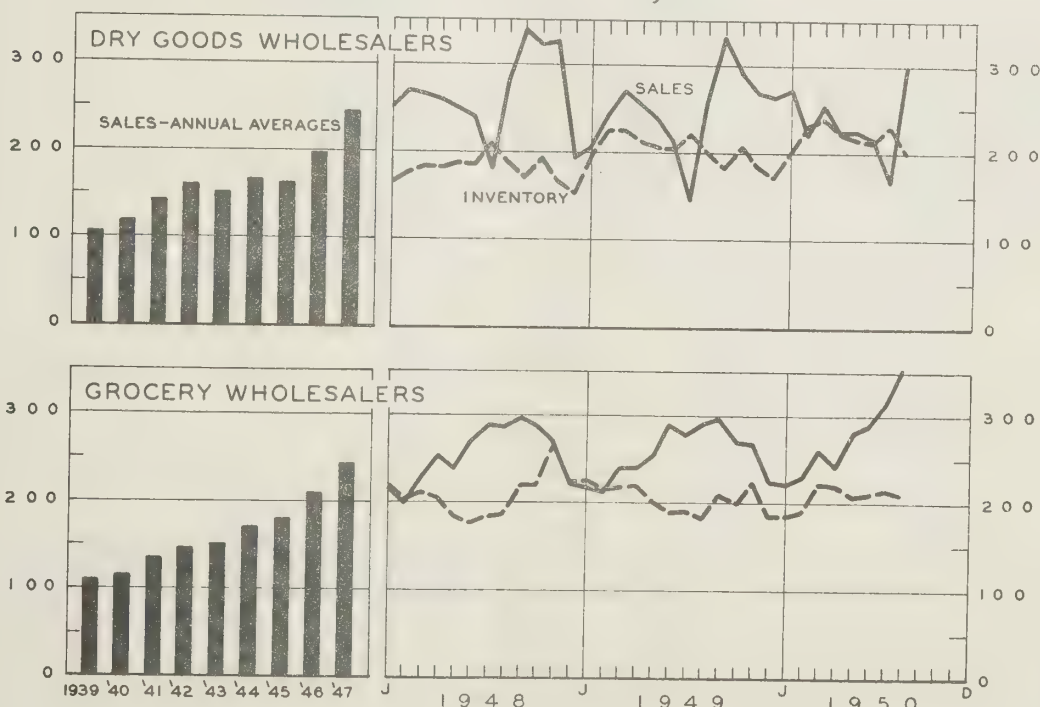
Dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada in August 1950 was 17% higher than in August 1949 and 18% in excess of the July 1950 volume. Cumulative sales for the first eight months of 1950 were 4% above sales in the comparable period of 1949. The general unadjusted index of wholesale sales for the nine lines of trade covered by this survey (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 369.5 for August 1950, 317.2 for August 1949, and 314.1 for July 1950.

Quebec's 22% increase in August sales was the largest among regional gains. Sales in Ontario, British Columbia and the Prairie Provinces were 17%, 16%, and 15% respectively above August 1949. The Maritime Provinces recorded an increase of 12%.

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The following charts show the trend in sales and inventories, annually from 1939 and monthly from January 1948, for dry goods and grocery wholesalers. These charts are based on index numbers and do not portray the dollarwise relationship between sales and stocks.

### INDEXES OF SALES AND INVENTORIES OF DRY GOODS AND GROCERY WHOLESALERS (1935-1939=100)





### Sales Trends in Individual Trades

Increases in August were greater than those for the first eight months of the year in all except the fruits and vegetables trade. Automotive and hardware wholesalers recorded the largest increases over August 1949 (38% and 27% respectively), while grocery wholesalers' sales were up 21%; dry goods, 15%; and tobacco and confectionery, 12%. Sales of clothing wholesalers were 8% above those for August 1949, while drugs and footwear wholesalers' sales increased 4% and 3% respectively.

A decrease of 5% was reported by fruit and vegetable dealers.

### Stocks

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers in the nine trades were valued 8% higher at August 31, 1950 than on the corresponding date in 1949, and 4% lower than at the end of July 1950. Tobacco and confectionery and grocery wholesalers' inventories registered the largest increases at 17% and 15% respectively, while clothing and fruit and vegetable wholesalers reported inventories valued 3% and 4% lower than at August 31, 1949.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Inventories

Month and Year	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales</u> <u>Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods</u> <u>Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery</u> <u>Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery</u> <u>Wholesalers</u>
August 1947	155.8	172.9	1.04
August 1948	185.6	187.4	.92
August 1949	198.4	183.1	.91
July 1950	231.2	214.0	.91
August 1950	198.6	210.2	.84

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

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Trade and Region	Percentage Change				INVENTORY August 1950 August 1949
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	July 1950	August 1950	August 1950	Jan.-to- August 1950	
	July 1949	August 1949	July 1950	Jan.-to- August 1949	
Automotive Equipment .....	+24.5	+37.6	+30.6	+5.8	+ 2.9
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+21.2	+35.9	+27.7	+ 6.3	
Ontario .....	+25.8	+29.3	+ 4.9	+ 9.0	
Western Provinces .....	+24.5	+45.7	+55.1	+ 2.9	
Drugs .....	- 0.2	+ 3.8	+14.0	+0.3	+10.5
Maritimes, Que., and Ont..	- 0.6	+ 2.6	+15.9	+ 0.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 0.6	+ 6.5	+ 8.9	- 0.5	
Clothing .....	+13.7	+ 7.7	+65.2	-5.1	- 3.1
Quebec .....	+13.1	+28.7			
Ont. & Western Provinces	+14.1	- 4.1			
Footwear .....	- 3.4	+ 2.6	+157.5	-4.9	+ 8.9
Maritimes and Quebec ...	+ 1.2	- 2.1			
Ont. & Western Provinces	- 6.8	+ 6.4			
Dry Goods .....	+12.8	+15.1	+81.9	-3.1	+ 0.1
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+13.5	+18.9	+97.3	- 5.5	
Ontario .....	+15.5	+10.7	+82.2	- 2.2	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.5	+16.2	+54.8	- 0.2	
Fruits and Vegetables ...	+ 1.0	- 5.4	- 5.6	+5.3	- 4.3
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+ 6.3	+ 7.1	-18.9	+ 7.0	
Ontario .....	- 3.6	+ 6.4	- 8.7	+ 7.3	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.5	-15.4	+ 1.3	+ 4.5	
Groceries .....	+13.1	+21.4	+12.8	+8.2	+14.8
Maritimes .....	+ 7.0	+14.7	+10.2	+ 5.9	
Quebec .....	+17.3	+23.4	+ 9.4	+13.1	
Ontario .....	+11.1	+24.6	+13.3	+ 6.5	
Prairies .....	+14.6	+26.1	+13.6	+10.9	
British Columbia .....	+17.6	+10.6	+12.4	+ 5.8	
Hardware .....	+13.9	+27.0	+19.7	+2.8	+ 6.1
Maritimes .....	+14.9	+12.4	+14.6	+ 3.9	
Quebec .....	+23.4	+35.6	+21.1	+ 3.4	
Ontario .....	+16.4	+20.3	+ 7.0	+ 4.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.0	+26.6	+21.3	+ 1.0	
Tobacco and Confectionery.	+ 4.0	+11.9	+ 8.7	+3.7	+17.1
Maritimes and Quebec ...	+ 4.3	+ 5.2	+ 3.5	+ 3.8	
Ontario .....	+ 3.7	+ 9.9	+12.8	+ 4.0	
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.2	+16.8	+11.7	+ 3.3	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+ 6.6	+12.4	+10.9	+ 4.0	
Quebec .....	+14.6	+21.6	+19.2	+ 4.4	
Ontario .....	+ 8.7	+16.5	+15.3	+ 4.4	
Prairies .....	+ 9.5	+14.9	+19.9	+ 4.7	
British Columbia .....	+10.1	+16.1	+19.0	+ 3.7	
CANADA .....	+10.0	+16.5	+17.6	+4.4	+ 7.5

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## WHOLESALE TRADE

## AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE				AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec
August 1947	272.2	276.1	236.6	266.4	287.7	306.8	379.0	450.4
August 1948	296.7	304.8	249.4	292.5	312.7	346.1	376.0	395.9
August 1949	317.2	313.9	258.6	310.6	347.7	368.6	420.4	412.1
July 1950	314.1	318.2	263.8	313.9	333.2	355.5	443.0	438.4
August 1950	369.5	352.8	314.5	361.8	399.5	427.9	578.5	560.0

## DRUGS

## CLOTHING

## FOOTWEAR

## DRY GOODS

Year and Month	DRUGS				CLOTHING				FOOTWEAR				DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Western Provinces
August 1947	241.9	229.0	276.1	262.7	262.7	334.8	237.7	198.0	276.2	256.2	256.2	256.2	198.0	276.2	256.2	256.2
August 1948	279.6	268.6	309.0	264.5	264.5	363.6	284.5	243.7	325.4	300.3	300.3	300.3	243.7	325.4	300.3	300.3
August 1949	319.3	307.8	350.7	270.3	270.3	352.3	260.9	218.1	306.2	276.0	276.0	276.0	218.1	306.2	276.0	276.0
July 1950	290.8	272.4	343.0	176.2	176.2	140.4	165.1	131.4	186.1	207.2	207.2	207.2	131.4	186.1	207.2	207.2
August 1950	331.4	315.9	373.5	291.1	291.1	361.5	300.3	259.3	339.0	320.7	320.7	320.7	259.3	339.0	320.7	320.7

## GROCERIES

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Year and Month	GROCERIES				FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec
August 1947	245.6	271.5	207.5	246.0	241.9	277.7	304.0	221.6
August 1948	285.4	313.9	227.4	290.5	281.3	332.7	249.0	167.8
August 1949	291.4	318.6	229.9	292.0	281.6	370.0	303.5	192.6
July 1950	313.6	331.7	259.4	321.2	312.7	364.2	307.4	254.4
August 1950	353.8	365.4	283.7	363.8	355.1	409.2	287.1	206.3

## HARDWARE

## TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

Year and Month	HARDWARE				TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
August 1947	297.8	281.4	296.8	245.9	313.4	309.0	308.6	321.4
August 1948	339.5	313.5	319.1	293.9	362.3	348.2	336.4	355.5
August 1949	377.9	343.9	348.5	340.3	400.0	380.9	372.4	384.7
July 1950	400.9	367.3	390.3	382.7	417.6	392.2	378.7	374.7
August 1950	479.9	420.9	472.6	409.4	506.4	426.2	391.8	422.8





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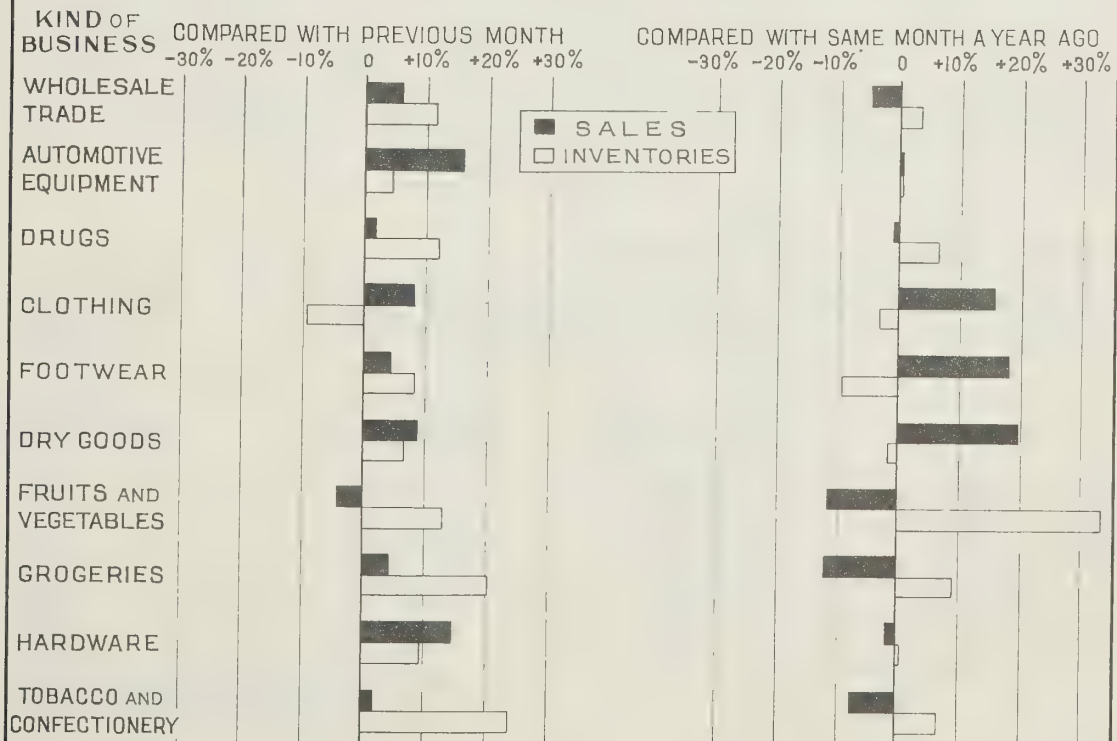
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Wholesalers' sales in September 1950 were 6% higher in dollar volume than in September a year ago but registered a drop of 5% from August 1950. Cumulative sales for the first nine months of the current year exceeded the dollar volume of the corresponding period of 1949 by 5%. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 352.1 for September 1950, 332.2 for September 1949, and 368.9 for August 1950.

Sales of Quebec wholesalers advanced 12% in September 1950 compared with September a year ago, while Ontario and British Columbia wholesalers registered gains of 8% and 7%. Smaller increases of 4% and 1% were recorded by wholesalers in the Maritime and Prairie Provinces respectively.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES SEPTEMBER 1950



## Sales Trends in Individual Trades

September was the third successive month in which sales increases of automotive equipment and hardware wholesalers have exceeded those of all other trades. Gains in these trades amounted to 16% and 15% in September, considerably above the year-to-date increases of 7% for automotive equipment and 4% for hardware.

The dry goods and apparel trades also recorded advances in dollar sales over September last year, continuing the trend which has been evident for the past three months and reflecting greater activity in the retail apparel field. Increases have not been large enough, however, to make up for declines in the early part of the year. Percentage changes in sales for these trades for September and for January to September (in brackets) compared with corresponding months last year were as follows: dry goods, 9% (-1%); clothing, 8% (-4%); footwear, 4% (-3%).

Wholesale grocers' sales in September were 4% above September last year, while drugs and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported sales up 2%.

Fruit and vegetable dealers' sales were 4% lower than in September 1949, but results were not consistent for various regions of the country. A decrease of 14% in the Western Provinces more than offset gains in the East which amounted to 13% in the Maritimes and Quebec combined and 9% in Ontario.

## Stocks

Wholesalers in the nine trades under review reported inventories at the end of September 1950 valued 12% in excess of stocks on hand at the same date a year ago and 3% higher than at the end of August 1950. As in the past two months, tobacco and confectionery and grocery wholesalers' stocks showed the greatest increases, September gains being 24% and 20% respectively. Increases ranging between 5% and 13% were recorded for other trades with the exception of clothing wholesalers whose stocks were valued 10% lower at September 30, 1950 than at September 30, 1949.

## Grocery and Dry Goods Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratio</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
September 1947	148.1	193.9	.89
September 1948	169.6	219.1	.88
September 1949	182.7	210.8	.86
August 1950	198.4	209.8	.84
September 1950	194.8	253.6	.98

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

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Trade and Region	Percentage Change				INVENTORY
	SALES				
	(1)	(2)			
	August 1950 August 1949	September 1950 September 1949	September 1950 August 1950	Jan. - to- Sept. 1950 Jan. - to- Sept. 1949	
Automotive Equipment .....	+36.8	+16.2	+ 0.5	+ 7.2	+ 4.7
Maritimes and Quebec ..	+35.9	+26.7	- 1.0	+ 8.9	
Ontario .....	+27.7	+ 6.8	+ 5.0	+ 8.5	
Western Provinces .....	+45.7	+21.5	- 3.7	+ 5.5	
Drugs .....	+ 3.6	+ 1.8	- 0.8	+ 0.5	+12.2
Maritimes, Que., and Ont.	+ 2.5	+ 0.8	+ 5.6	+ 0.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.2	+ 4.3	-15.0	(x)	
Clothing .....	+ 3.6	+ 8.3	+16.0	- 3.8	- 9.7
Quebec .....	+28.7	+ 2.2			
Ont. & Western Provinces.	- 8.8	+12.2			
Footwear .....	+ 2.6	+ 4.4	+18.0	- 3.3	+ 8.6
Maritimes and Quebec ..	- 2.1	+12.7			
Ont. & Western Provinces	+ 6.4	- 2.2			
Dry Goods .....	+15.4	+ 8.9	+19.8	- 1.2	+ 6.6
Maritimes and Quebec ...	+18.8	+ 8.2	+30.8	- 3.4	
Ontario .....	+10.7	+17.0	+16.3	+ 0.6	
Western Provinces .....	+17.2	- 0.7	+ 6.1	- 0.1	
Fruits and Vegetables ....	- 5.5	- 4.0	-11.7	+ 4.3	+13.2
Maritimes and Quebec ...	+ 6.5	+12.5	-18.9	+ 7.3	
Ontario .....	+ 5.6	+ 9.0	- 6.7	+ 7.4	
Western Provinces .....	-15.4	-14.3	- 7.4	+ 1.8	
Groceries .....	+21.2	+ 4.4	-12.1	+ 7.7	+20.3
Maritimes .....	+14.3	+ 3.2	-11.4	+ 5.5	
Quebec .....	+23.4	+ 9.4	- 2.8	+12.6	
Ontario .....	+23.6	+ 2.1	-15.4	+ 5.8	
Prairies .....	+26.5	+ 4.4	-13.2	+10.0	
British Columbia .....	+10.6	+ 6.0	- 7.7	+ 5.8	
Hardware .....	+27.0	+14.5	- 1.6	+ 4.1	+ 9.5
Maritimes .....	+22.4	+13.6	+11.3	+ 5.3	
Quebec .....	+35.6	+20.2	+ 9.1	+ 5.7	
Ontario .....	+20.3	+18.1	+28.9	+ 6.4	
Western Provinces .....	+26.6	+ 9.7	-12.5	+ 2.0	
Tobacco and Confectionery.	+11.6	+ 1.7	- 7.8	+ 3.4	+23.5
Maritimes and Quebec ...	+ 5.2	+ 0.1	+ 5.9	+ 3.4	
Ontario .....	+ 9.4	+ 4.9	- 8.1	+ 4.0	
Western Provinces .....	+16.6	- 0.6	-14.1	+ 2.8	
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	+12.4	+ 3.7	- 3.0	+ 4.0	
Quebec .....	+21.2	+11.8	+ 7.3	+ 5.3	
Ontario .....	+15.6	+ 7.6	- 1.4	+ 4.7	
Prairies .....	+15.2	+ 0.9	- 9.4	+ 4.2	
British Columbia .....	+16.0	+ 6.7	-14.7	+ 4.0	
CANADA .....	+16.3	+ 6.0	- 4.6	+ 4.6	+11.7

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Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September 1947	301.7	316.4	292.5	296.6	301.8	330.6	481.8	491.9	460.9	475.7
September 1948	327.0	326.5	306.8	320.9	342.8	350.8	497.2	486.5	476.1	499.0
September 1949	332.2	330.1	300.7	328.9	359.6	341.7	497.2	437.4	488.5	506.0
August 1950 ..	368.9	352.8	313.4	359.1	400.6	427.6	575.1	560.0	496.8	638.5
September 1950	352.1	342.3	336.2	353.9	362.8	364.6	577.7	554.2	521.7	614.8

Year and Month	CLOTHING						FOOTWEAR			DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont. Provinces	Western Provinces	CANADA	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Maritimes & Quebec	Western Provinces
September 1947	273.9	285.2	246.7	261.7	378.1	333.8	302.6	297.4	313.5	288.7	337.5	338.6
September 1948	294.4	303.5	273.3	311.9	411.4	354.2	338.0	337.5	331.7	338.6	313.2	345.7
September 1949	322.4	330.5	303.4	300.0	408.5	356.3	331.2	313.2	337.0	345.7	301.1	323.5
August 1950 ..	330.8	315.5	372.4	280.0	361.5	409.2	301.1	259.1	339.0	323.5	338.9	343.3
September 1950	328.2	333.1	316.4	324.9	426.5	377.7	360.7	338.9	394.3	343.3		

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September 1947	275.2	301.0	265.4	265.2	260.5	333.8	278.6	209.8	259.8	356.4
September 1948	296.1	305.5	262.2	293.6	296.2	354.2	272.7	169.1	239.8	386.3
September 1949	297.3	312.8	252.0	299.2	296.2	356.3	263.7	147.8	228.8	387.5
August 1950 ..	353.2	364.2	283.7	360.9	356.2	409.2	286.8	205.1	267.3	358.8
September 1950	310.4	322.8	275.7	305.5	309.2	377.7	253.2	166.3	249.4	332.1

Year and Month	HARDWARE				TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September 1947	339.6	371.2	346.4	347.7	342.1	322.7	341.8	316.9	305.0
September 1948	383.1	420.9	395.2	423.2	369.1	375.0	397.9	357.1	365.7
September 1949	412.2	412.5	428.8	446.9	403.8	385.5	414.6	368.5	372.6
August 1950 ..	479.9	420.9	472.6	409.4	506.4	425.1	391.8	420.9	431.3
September 1950	472.0	468.6	515.4	527.8	443.0	392.1	415.0	386.6	370.4



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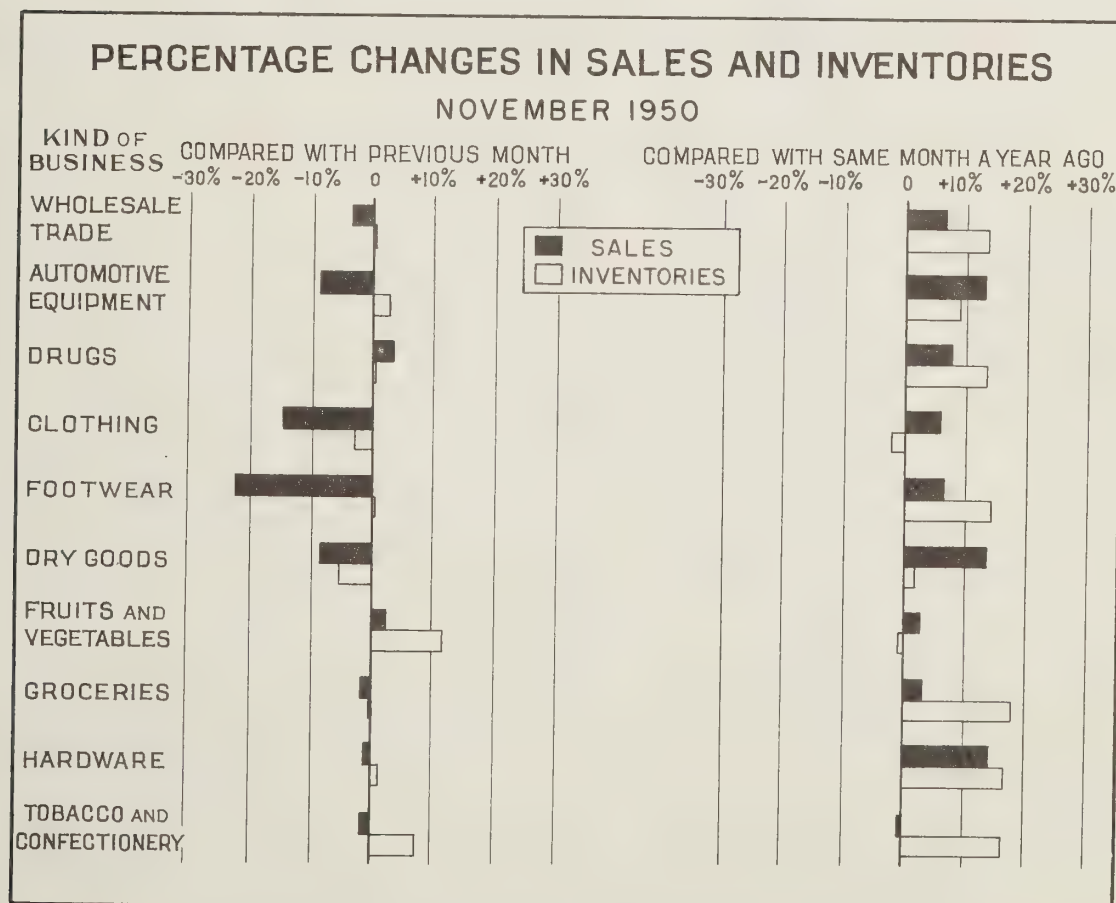
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

NOVEMBER 1950

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in November 1950 was 7% higher than in November of the previous year but declined seasonally from October by 4%. These figures are based on returns submitted by some four hundred firms representing nine lines of trade. Cumulative sales for the eleven months of 1950 were 5% in excess of the volume in the corresponding eleven months of 1949. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 326.9 for November 1950, 306.7 for November 1949, and 339.4 for October 1950.

The largest provincial percentage gain over November 1949 was recorded in British Columbia where sales rose 11%. Increases ranging between 5% and 8% were recorded for the other regions of the country.



## Sales Trends in Individual Trades

The three trades which have shown the greatest advances during the past few months continued to lead in November. Hardware and dry goods wholesalers' sales were 14% above November 1949, while wholesalers of automotive equipment rallied from the small gain of 5% in October to record dollar sales in November up 13%. Increases in the other trades were as follows: drugs, 8%; footwear and clothing, 6%; groceries and fruits and vegetables, 3%. A **decline** of less than 1% was recorded by tobacco and confectionery wholesalers.

## Stocks

The margin of increase in value of stocks in the hands of wholesalers continued to rise in November, inventory at the end of that month being valued 14% higher than at the same date of the previous year as compared with increases of 12%, 11%, and 7% for the three preceding months.

Wholesalers of groceries, tobacco and confectionery, hardware, drugs, and footwear reported stocks on hand at a value between 14% and 18% higher than at November 30, 1949. Automotive equipment and dry goods wholesalers' inventories rose 9% and 2% respectively, while fruit and vegetable and clothing wholesalers recorded stocks 1% and 2% respectively below the November 1949 levels.

## Grocery and Dry Goods Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
November 1947	151.4	228.3	.97
November 1948	166.2	261.9	1.22
November 1949	183.7	223.4	1.03
October 1950	213.1	244.4	1.15
November 1950	186.6	263.6	1.20

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Trade and Region	Percentage Change		
	SALES		INVENTORY
	November (1) 1950	Jan. - to November 1950	November 1950
	November 1949	Jan. - to November 1949	November 1949
Automotive Equipment .....	+13.1	+ 7.5	+ 9.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 6.7	+ 9.1	
Ontario .....	+15.2	+ 9.4	
Western Provinces .....	+13.0	+ 5.3	
Drugs .....	+ 7.9	+ 1.9	+13.6
Maritimes, Quebec, and Ont.	+ 8.4	+ 2.1	
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.6	+ 1.5	
Clothing .....	+ 5.7	- 0.3	- 2.2
Quebec .....	-10.8		
Ont. & Western Provinces ....	+19.4		
Footwear .....	+ 6.2	- 0.3	+14.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 3.5		
Ont. & Western Provinces ....	+16.6		
Dry Goods .....	+13.7	+ 2.0	+ 1.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+17.4	+ 0.4	
Ontario .....	+ 8.2	+ 3.5	
Western Provinces .....	+16.5	+ 2.7	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+ 2.7	+ 3.4	- 0.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.4	+ 6.0	
Ontario .....	- 1.5	+ 5.3	
Western Provinces .....	+ 5.8	+ 2.2	
Groceries .....	+ 3.1	+ 6.9	+18.0
Maritimes .....	+ 6.2	+ 4.9	
Quebec .....	- 3.1	+10.1	
Ontario .....	+ 1.0	+ 5.2	
Prairies .....	+ 5.4	+ 9.1	
British Columbia .....	+ 7.0	+ 5.8	
Hardware .....	+14.2	+ 6.7	+16.9
Maritimes .....	+20.8	+ 7.9	
Quebec .....	+16.4	+ 8.5	
Ontario .....	+19.4	+ 9.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 9.8	+ 4.2	
Tobacco and Confectionery ...	- 0.4	+ 2.9	+16.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 1.7	+ 3.0	
Ontario .....	+ 3.8	+ 4.0	
Western Provinces .....	- 3.4	+ 1.6	
Wholesale Trade -			
Maritimes .....	+ 7.8	+ 4.1	
Quebec .....	+ 5.8	+ 5.9	
Ontario .....	+ 6.5	+ 5.2	
Prairies .....	+ 5.0	+ 4.3	
British Columbia .....	+10.9	+ 5.2	
CANADA .....	+ 6.6	+ 5.1	+13.5

(1) Preliminary.

NOTE: Figures for Newfoundland are not available.

**MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA**  
(Average, 1935 = 1939 = 100)

WHOLESALE TRADE									
Month and Year	CANADA			Maritimes Quebec			Ontario		
	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA
November 1947	295.0	314.9	290.1	292.2	281.1	345.6	413.8	457.6	381.1
November 1948	313.6	319.9	304.3	305.1	310.6	373.2	427.5	445.7	384.1
November 1949	306.7	281.8	285.1	305.4	319.9	349.7	425.8	426.5	407.5
October 1950	339.4	326.0	330.2	332.7	338.0	388.9	529.7	631.4	496.0
November 1950	326.9	303.8	301.6	325.3	335.9	387.8	481.6	455.1	469.4

AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT									
Month and Year	CANADA			Maritimes Quebec			Ontario		
	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA
November 1947	295.0	314.9	290.1	292.2	281.1	345.6	413.8	457.6	381.1
November 1948	313.6	319.9	304.3	305.1	310.6	373.2	427.5	445.7	384.1
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November 1950	326.9	303.8	301.6	325.3	335.9	387.8	481.6	455.1	469.4

DRUGS									
Month and Year	CANADA			Maritimes Quebec & Ont.			CLOTHING		
	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA
November 1947	278.3	272.9	295.1	279.7	280.9	280.9	262.9	248.7	295.5
November 1948	325.3	318.4	345.3	319.7	312.9	312.9	327.7	315.2	340.4
November 1949	334.1	327.0	354.3	280.7	312.9	312.9	268.4	235.2	312.9
October 1950	348.7	335.1	380.9	349.1	429.1	429.1	334.5	294.3	372.0
November 1950	360.5	354.5	377.7	296.7	333.3	333.3	305.3	276.3	342.9

FOOTWEAR									
Month and Year	CANADA			Maritimes Quebec			CLOTHING		
	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA
November 1947	278.3	272.9	295.1	279.7	280.9	280.9	262.9	248.7	295.5
November 1948	325.3	318.4	345.3	319.7	312.9	312.9	327.7	315.2	340.4
November 1949	334.1	327.0	354.3	280.7	312.9	312.9	268.4	235.2	312.9
October 1950	348.7	335.1	380.9	349.1	429.1	429.1	334.5	294.3	372.0
November 1950	360.5	354.5	377.7	296.7	333.3	333.3	305.3	276.3	342.9

GROCERIES									
Month and Year	CANADA			Maritimes Quebec			Ontario		
	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA
November 1947	282.8	324.1	280.1	295.7	248.7	317.9	261.5	261.8	251.1
November 1948	268.4	302.1	244.2	270.4	242.5	347.1	256.5	231.4	245.1
November 1949	268.4	264.6	245.9	273.4	261.9	327.7	234.4	185.4	227.5
October 1950	282.0	300.5	249.4	284.9	274.9	344.5	234.9	184.2	202.6
November 1950	276.7	281.0	238.3	276.1	276.0	350.6	240.7	193.8	224.1

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES									
Month and Year	CANADA			Maritimes Quebec			Ontario		
	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA
November 1947	279.3	317.9	261.5	261.8	261.5	317.9	261.5	261.8	251.1
November 1948	295.7	347.1	256.5	231.4	242.5	347.1	256.5	231.4	245.1
November 1949	287.1	327.7	234.4	185.4	261.9	327.7	234.4	185.4	227.5
October 1950	295.7	344.5	234.9	184.2	274.9	344.5	234.9	184.2	202.6
November 1950	303.8	350.6	240.7	193.8	276.0	350.6	240.7	193.8	224.1

TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY									
Month and Year	CANADA			Maritimes Quebec			Ontario		
	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA
November 1947	347.9	317.1	327.8	317.1	353.5	345.0	327.8	355.8	327.8
November 1948	377.5	370.7	366.2	370.7	429.9	446.4	366.2	429.1	366.2
November 1949	412.3	403.7	391.8	403.7	410.6	441.5	391.8	427.8	391.8
October 1950	362.1	425.5	397.0	425.5	475.0	502.3	397.0	481.2	397.0
November 1950	398.2	396.8	390.2	396.8	477.9	527.2	390.2	469.7	390.2



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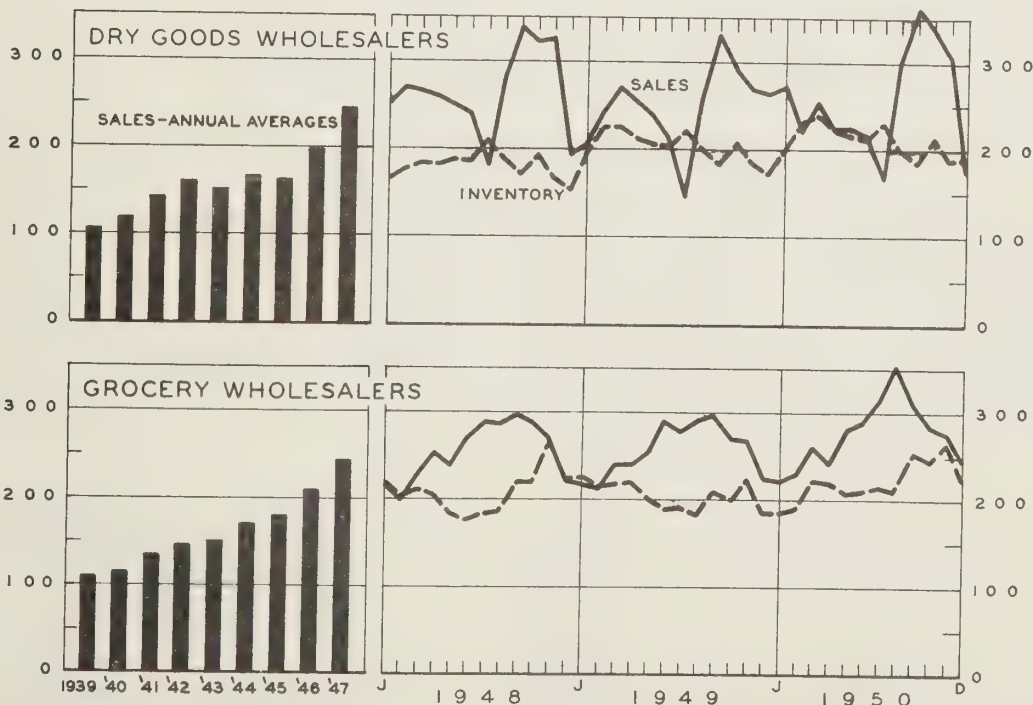
## WHOLESALE TRADE

### DECEMBER, 1950

Wholesale sales in December 1950 for the nine trades covered by this survey advanced 8% in dollar volume from December 1949 but were 14% lower than in November 1950. Sales in the twelve months of 1950 were 5% in excess of the 1949 volume. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 282.7 for December 1950, 261.5 for December 1949, and 326.9 for November 1950.

Provincial gains in December varied from 3% for the Maritime Provinces to 12% for British Columbia. Increases for the year 1950 over 1949 were closely grouped around the Canada average of 5%. Sales in the Maritime Provinces in the twelve months of 1950 were 4% above those for 1949; in Ontario and the Prairies, the increase was 5%, while Quebec and British Columbia sales were up 6%.

### INDEXES OF SALES AND INVENTORIES OF DRY GOODS AND GROCERY WHOLESALESA (1935-1939=100)





## Sales Trends in Individual Trades

Hardware and automotive equipment wholesalers led the individual trades in percentage gains with increases of 23% and 15% respectively over December of the previous year. Sales of footwear and grocery wholesalers were 11% and 8% respectively higher than in December 1949. The increase recorded by dry goods wholesalers (6%) was somewhat smaller than in several preceding months. No change in dollar sales of fruit and vegetable dealers was recorded between December 1949 and 1950, while declines of 1% and 4% occurred in sales of clothing and of tobacco and confectionery wholesalers.

Hardware and automotive wholesalers' sales during the year 1950 were 8% in excess of the 1949 volume, while a gain of 7% was recorded by grocery wholesalers. Footwear and clothing wholesalers reported no change in dollar volume of sales between the two years, while gains of 2% and 3% were registered in the other four lines of trade.

## Stocks

Year-end stocks in the hands of wholesalers in the nine trades under review were valued 16% higher than stocks at the end of 1949, the December increase being the highest month-end increase in value of inventories of any month during 1950. Wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery and of hardware recorded the greatest gains among the nine trades at 29% and 20% respectively. Increases of 18% were reported by both footwear and grocery wholesalers; dry goods, automotive equipment, and drug wholesalers' stocks were up 11%, 10%, and 9% respectively over December 31, 1949 and a gain of 1% was reported by clothing wholesalers. Fruit and vegetable dealers' stocks at December 31, 1950 were valued 5% lower than at the corresponding date in 1949.

## Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories.

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
December 1947	150.9	223.1	1.23
December 1948	162.8	223.1	1.43
December 1949	170.8	186.3	1.24
November 1950	186.6	263.2	1.20
December 1950	189.9	220.6	1.33

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade<sup>(1)</sup>  
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Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY
	December 1950 December 1949	Jan. - Dec. 1950 Jan. - Dec. 1949	December 31, 1950 December 31, 1949
Automotive Equipment	+15.0	+ 8.0	+10.3
Maritimes and Quebec . . . . .	+28.5	+10.7	
Ontario. . . . .	+21.0	+10.3	
Western Provinces . . . . .	+ 5.9	+ 5.3	
Drugs . . . . .	+ 6.3	+ 2.2	+ 8.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont. . . . .	(x)	+ 2.4	
Western Provinces . . . . .	+ 6.8	+ 1.9	
Clothing . . . . .	- 0.5	- 0.1	+ 1.3
Quebec . . . . .	- 8.0		
Ont. & Western Provinces . . . . .	+ 7.7		
Footwear . . . . .	+10.9	+ 0.4	+17.9
Maritimes and Quebec . . . . .	+38.1		
Ont. & Western Provinces . . . . .	-10.6		
Dry Goods. . . . .	+ 5.8	+ 2.3	+11.2
Maritimes and Quebec . . . . .	+17.7	+ 1.3	
Ontario. . . . .	- 4.5	+ 3.0	
Western Provinces . . . . .	+ 6.1	+ 2.9	
Fruits and Vegetables . . . . .	+ 0.1	+ 3.2	- 4.8
Maritimes and Quebec . . . . .	+ 6.5	+ 6.0	
Ontario. . . . .	+ 0.9	+ 5.0	
Western Provinces . . . . .	- 3.3	+ 1.6	
Groceries. . . . .	+ 8.1	+ 7.0	+18.4
Maritimes . . . . .	- 3.3	+ 4.3	
Quebec . . . . .	+ 1.3	+ 9.4	
Ontario. . . . .	+ 7.0	+ 5.4	
Prairies . . . . .	+12.3	+ 9.3	
British Columbia. . . . .	+20.2	+ 6.7	
Hardware . . . . .	+23.2	+ 7.9	+20.2
Maritimes . . . . .	+28.0	+ 9.2	
Quebec . . . . .	+30.2	+10.2	
Ontario. . . . .	+24.1	+10.6	
Western Provinces . . . . .	+18.8	+ 5.1	
Tobacco and Confectionery . . . . .	- 4.0	+ 2.3	+28.8
Maritimes and Quebec . . . . .	- 3.2	+ 2.4	
Ontario. . . . .	- 3.2	+ 3.4	
Western Provinces . . . . .	- 5.1	+ 1.0	
WHOLESALE TRADE <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	+ 8.1	+ 5.3	+16.4
Maritimes . . . . .	+ 3.1	+ 4.0	
Quebec . . . . .	+10.4	+ 6.3	
Ontario. . . . .	+ 6.9	+ 5.4	
Prairies . . . . .	+ 7.5	+ 4.5	
British Columbia. . . . .	+12.4	+ 5.8	

(1) Composite of Nine Trades.

(x) Not available.

NOTE: Figures for Newfoundland are not available.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA  
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Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December 1947 ....	251.1	257.1	241.4	266.6	207.8	323.5	283.4	411.4	307.5	244.8
December 1948 ....	259.9	264.6	247.9	276.7	231.9	292.8	319.4	399.9	371.5	273.9
December 1949 ....	261.5	257.2	236.0	282.5	240.7	293.1	328.0	347.9	364.8	311.4
November 1950 ....	326.9	303.2	301.4	325.3	336.2	387.8	479.5	459.8	467.8	495.9
December 1950 ....	282.7	265.2	260.5	302.0	258.8	329.4	377.2	447.1	441.4	329.8

Month and Year	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que.&Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December 1947 ....	245.6	253.0	224.5	184.9	293.7	188.3	188.3	149.7	248.6	168.9
December 1948 ....	261.6	267.2	246.1	234.3	249.9	192.8	192.8	159.4	227.0	201.5
December 1949 ....	301.1	285.4	344.3	204.8	222.2	163.3	163.3	129.0	199.3	173.3
November 1950 ....	360.5	354.5	377.7	304.0	330.1	305.7	305.7	277.3	342.9	336.9
December 1950 ....	320.1	(x)	367.7	203.8	246.4	172.8	172.8	151.8	190.3	183.9

Month and Year	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December 1947 ....	227.1	261.8	220.1	251.2	174.3	282.8	243.0	220.5	237.0	257.2
December 1948 ....	219.8	261.8	207.1	241.7	180.2	246.0	258.1	206.4	250.0	298.6
December 1949 ....	224.0	260.5	208.1	249.9	185.1	248.7	268.7	184.1	263.8	332.6
November 1950 ....	277.0	280.5	238.0	276.4	277.1	350.6	240.5	193.9	223.6	303.8
December 1950 ....	242.1	251.9	210.8	267.4	207.9	298.9	269.0	196.1	266.2	321.6

Month and Year	HARDWARE				TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December 1947 ....	321.2	247.2	301.8	336.0	328.0	354.7	396.1	346.9	328.5
December 1948 ....	356.2	297.1	349.5	406.9	337.5	371.0	434.5	359.7	338.0
December 1949 ....	333.8	262.9	330.6	400.4	307.8	399.6	459.7	400.3	355.2
November 1950 ....	482.3	401.9	475.9	527.2	469.7	390.2	395.6	376.2	398.2
December 1950 ....	411.2	336.5	430.4	496.9	365.7	383.6	445.0	387.5	337.1

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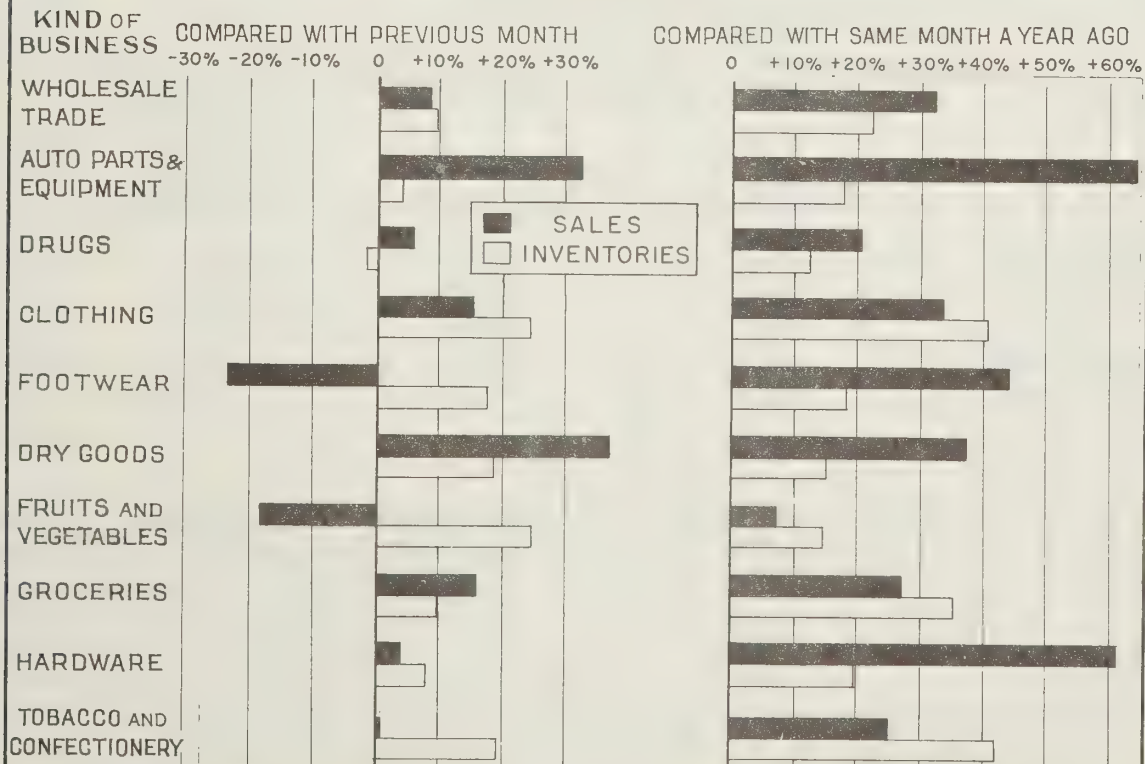
# WHOLESALE TRADE

JANUARY 1951

January sales of wholesalers, in the nine lines of trade covered by this survey, advanced 32% over January 1950, to record the highest dollar volume ever attained in that month. Compared with December 1950, January 1951 sales were up 9%. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 306.7 for January 1951, 232.0 for January 1950, and 282.4 for December 1950.

## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

JANUARY 1951



Increases were fairly uniform in the various regions of the country. Wholesalers in the Maritime Provinces recorded an increase of 25% over January 1950, while gains in the other provinces ranged between 30% and 34%.

### Sales Trends in Individual Trades

Major increases were registered in most of the individual kinds of business. Outstanding gains were reported by automotive parts, accessories, and equipment dealers at 65%, and by hardware wholesalers at 61%. Dry goods wholesalers' sales were up 38% and clothing, 34%. Insufficient coverage prevented the publication of figures for footwear wholesalers.

Grocery, tobacco and confectionery, and drug wholesalers reported increases of 27%, 25%, and 21% respectively over January 1950, while a gain of 7% was recorded by fruit and vegetable wholesalers.

### Inventories

Inventories of wholesalers in the nine trades surveyed were valued 22% higher at January 31, 1951 than at the corresponding date in 1950. Greatest increases over a year ago in value of stocks on hand were reported by tobacco and confectionery, clothing, and grocery wholesalers at 42%, 41%, and 35% respectively. The other trades reported stocks at January 31, 1951 valued between 12% and 20% higher than at the end of January last year.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
January 1948	164.8	218.5	1.46
January 1949	196.8	225.7	1.46
January 1950	200.7	185.8	1.21
December 1950	189.9	220.6	1.33
January 1951	231.0	251.4	1.10

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade (1)  
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Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY	
	January 1951	January 1950	January 1951	January 1950
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE (1), CANADA</b>		+32.2		22.2
Maritimes		+ 24.5		
Quebec		+ 33.9		
Ontario		+ 33.8		
Prairies		+ 30.7		
British Columbia		+ 33.3		
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment (2)</b>		+64.8		+17.5
Maritimes and Quebec		+110.1		
Ontario		+ 54.4		
Western Provinces		+ 60.7		
<b>Drugs</b>		+20.9		+12.7
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario		+ 20.9		
Western Provinces		+ 20.8		
<b>Clothing</b>		+33.8		+40.9
Quebec		+ 4.7		
Ontario and Western Provinces		+ 62.8		
<b>Footwear</b>		(x)		(x)
Maritimes and Quebec		(x)		
Ontario and Western Provinces		+ 42.7		
<b>Dry Goods</b>		+37.7		+15.1
Maritimes and Quebec		+ 45.9		
Ontario		+ 33.3		
Western Provinces		+ 33.0		
<b>Fruits and Vegetables</b>		+ 7.3		+14.7
Maritimes and Quebec		+ 6.7		
Ontario		+ 7.0		
Western Provinces		+ 8.0		
<b>Groceries</b>		+27.2		+35.3
Maritimes		+ 15.4		
Quebec		+ 29.4		
Ontario		+ 34.8		
Prairies		+ 28.0		
British Columbia		+ 18.6		
<b>Hardware</b>		+61.2		+19.9
Maritimes		+ 60.7		
Quebec		+ 55.9		
Ontario		+ 59.6		
Western Provinces		+ 65.2		
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery</b>		+25.1		+41.9
Maritimes and Quebec		+ 21.3		
Ontario		+ 28.7		
Western Provinces		+ 23.4		

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## MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA		Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January 1948.....	244.2	221.5	217.7	258.4	226.9		314.1	320.9	284.4	354.2	316.5
January 1949.....	243.7	226.6	204.0	263.3	230.3		309.1	330.5	302.0	357.0	329.2
January 1950.....	232.0	224.1	190.7	253.0	221.1		281.3	301.4	235.9	351.3	295.1
December 1950.....	282.4	265.2	260.5	301.7	258.8		327.7	374.6	444.3	435.6	328.7
January 1951.....	306.7	279.0	255.3	338.5	289.0		375.0	496.7	495.6	542.4	474.2

Month and Year	DRUGS				CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS			
	CANADA		Maritimes Que.&Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA		CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
January 1948.....	203.5	273.3	311.1		274.7		248.7	252.1	234.6	280.3	251.0	
January 1949.....	313.0	304.5	336.0		220.6		148.5	206.5	184.2	241.2	203.1	
January 1950.....	282.6	285.3	278.2		173.8		130.2	172.6	142.9	207.1	182.2	
December 1950.....	322.8	307.1	366.7		201.3		244.6	173.6	150.9	191.7	184.6	
January 1951.....	341.7	344.9	336.1		232.5	(x)		237.7	208.5	276.1	242.3	

Month and Year	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA		Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January 1948.....	216.2	235.2	155.6	231.1	196.0		289.4	186.7	156.6	216.8	168.5
January 1949.....	217.1	235.2	141.4	234.3	197.6		307.1	201.8	166.8	230.5	187.5
January 1950.....	221.0	246.5	152.3	227.7	211.6		297.3	203.0	167.0	233.5	187.5
December 1950.....	242.4	252.4	211.4	267.4	208.2		298.9	267.9	196.1	265.1	320.0
January 1951.....	281.1	286.9	197.1	306.9	270.8		352.6	217.8	178.2	249.8	202.5

Month and Year	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA		Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January 1948.....	300.7	210.5	317.5	292.0		322.5	303.8	285.0	295.2	304.6
January 1949.....	310.0	242.3	341.9	321.8		309.0	310.5	285.0	301.7	314.3
January 1950.....	266.0	202.3	295.4	307.3		245.3	309.9	299.5	298.1	306.1
December 1950.....	411.9	336.5	430.8	498.1		365.7	384.8	445.0	387.9	338.9
January 1951.....	428.8	325.1	460.5	490.5		405.2	387.7	363.3	383.7	377.7

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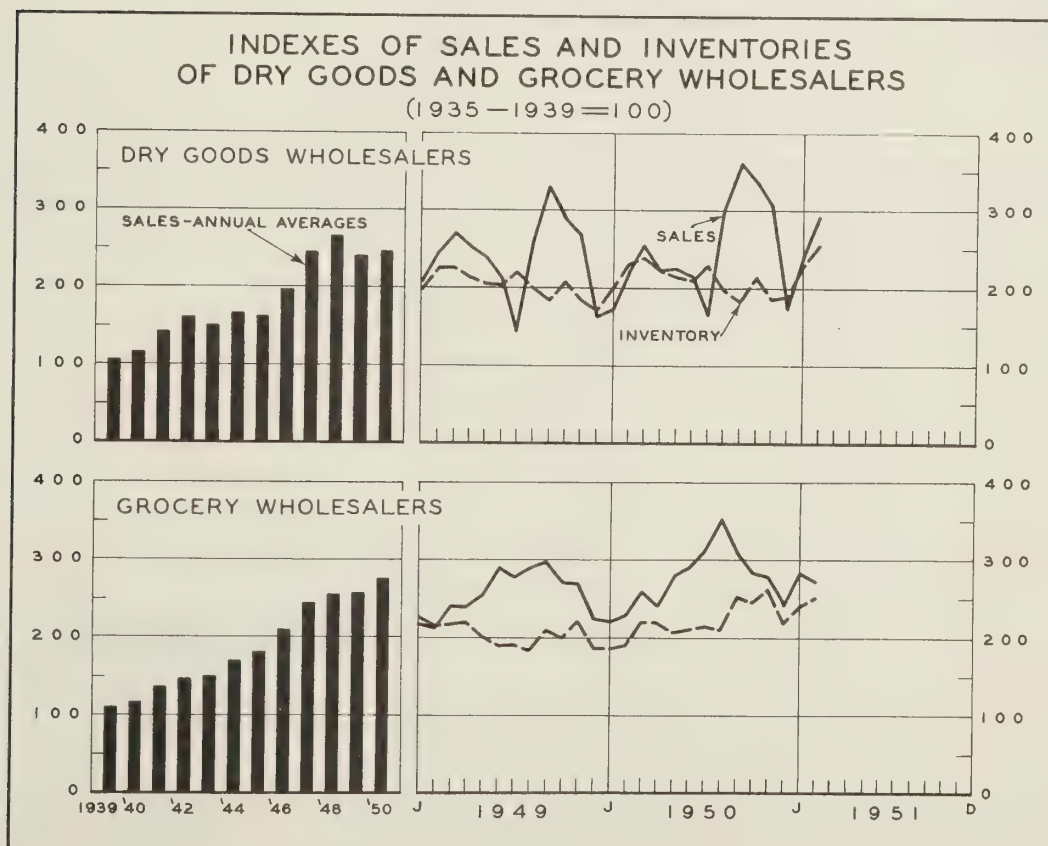
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

FEBRUARY 1951

Goods moved briskly from wholesale to retail outlets in February. Wholesale sales, in nine lines of trade, were 24% higher than in February 1950. The February index of dollar sales was 303.1 (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100), as compared with indexes of 244.8 for February 1950 and 308.6 for January 1951.



The increase in dollar sales is not a measure of the increase in quantity of goods sold, since no allowance has been made for the effect of increases in wholesale prices.

Notwithstanding the rapid disposal of merchandise at the wholesale level in February, inventories were maintained at a high mark. The general increase in stocks of merchandise for the nine trades was 20%, comparing the dollar value of stocks held on February 28 this year with those held on the same date in 1950.

Automotive and hardware wholesalers reported sales increases over February 1950 in the vicinity of 50%. At the same time, month-end inventories were 20% greater than in February a year ago.

Wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, and of fruits and vegetables had comparatively moderate sales gains. Tobacco wholesalers' sales increased only 8%, but their inventory holdings were up 35% in value compared with a year earlier. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers, their sales governed more strictly by the availability of merchandise, obtained only a 4% gain in sales in February. Stocks of fruit and vegetable wholesalers were down 2% at the end of February this year compared with last.

#### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
February 1948	175.9	203.2	1.53
February 1949	225.5	215.4	1.53
February 1950	230.7	190.8	1.12
January 1951	231.2	243.2	1.10
February 1951	255.8	253.2	1.26

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade (1)

(Preliminary)

Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY
	<u>February 1951</u> February 1950	<u>Jan.-Feb. 1950</u> Jan.-Feb. 1951	<u>February 1951</u> February 1950
<u>WHOLESALE TRADE</u> (1), CANADA .....	+ 23.8	+ 28.3	+ 20.4
Maritimes .....	+ 21.0	+ 23.2	
Quebec .....	+ 26.1	+ 30.3	
Ontario .....	+ 23.6	+ 28.7	
Prairies .....	+ 19.1	+ 24.8	
British Columbia .....	+ 32.1	+ 34.1	
<u>Auto Parts and Equipment</u> (2) .....	+ 47.2	+ 55.4	+ 19.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 50.7	+ 75.5	
Ontario .....	+ 43.1	+ 47.6	
Western Provinces .....	+ 49.9	+ 55.3	
<u>Drugs</u> .....	+ 22.5	+ 21.7	+ 13.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ..	+ 19.9	+ 20.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 29.1	+ 25.1	
<u>Clothing</u> .....	+ 21.8	+ 28.7	+ 10.9
Quebec .....	+ 17.5		
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 24.4		
<u>Footwear</u> .....	+ 42.5	+ 56.6	+ 6.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 61.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 27.5		
<u>Dry Goods</u> .....	+ 32.4	+ 35.2	+ 10.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 33.8	+ 39.7	
Ontario .....	+ 33.5	+ 33.5	
Western Provinces .....	+ 27.4	+ 30.7	
<u>Fruits and Vegetables</u> .....	+ 4.3	+ 5.9	- 2.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 11.2	+ 9.4	
Ontario .....	+ 11.2	+ 9.3	
Western Provinces .....	- 5.0	+ 0.9	
<u>Groceries</u> .....	+ 18.3	+ 23.2	+ 32.7
Maritimes .....	+ 15.2	+ 15.8	
Quebec .....	+ 16.1	+ 21.7	
Ontario .....	+ 18.0	+ 26.4	
Prairies .....	+ 20.4	+ 24.2	
British Columbia .....	+ 19.8	+ 22.1	
<u>Hardware</u> .....	+ 50.9	+ 55.2	+ 19.7
Maritimes .....	+ 52.3	+ 56.3	
Quebec .....	+ 53.5	+ 53.5	
Ontario .....	+ 50.1	+ 53.6	
Western Provinces .....	+ 50.0	+ 57.2	
<u>Tobacco and Confectionery</u> .....	+ 7.8	+ 16.5	+ 34.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 0.3	+ 10.2	
Ontario .....	+ 11.6	+ 19.8	
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.8	+ 15.9	

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# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

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Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February 1948 .....	239.5	218.9	241.4	242.9	217.3	287.0	331.5	391.0	316.3	322.6
February 1949 .....	245.0	224.6	230.5	252.4	236.9	277.5	340.1	342.5	336.2	344.5
February 1950 .....	244.8	224.4	217.8	256.2	241.4	275.8	310.9	333.6	317.0	298.3
January 1951 .....	308.6	281.0	257.8	338.5	289.6	382.8	493.7	496.8	532.6	474.2
February 1951 .....	303.1	271.5	274.6	316.7	287.5	364.3	457.6	502.7	453.6	447.2
Month and Year	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que.&Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February 1948 .....	251.4	242.0	282.0	264.7	268.3	268.3	268.2	265.0	296.2	231.7
February 1949 .....	267.2	260.6	290.2	225.8	240.7	240.7	244.1	236.1	270.1	218.7
February 1950 .....	275.2	268.9	297.5	212.9	221.4	221.4	220.9	195.7	263.3	204.7
January 1951 .....	341.7	344.9	336.1	238.3	235.0	235.0	239.6	211.3	276.5	244.9
February 1951 .....	337.1	322.4	384.1	259.3	315.5	315.5	292.5	261.8	351.5	260.8
Month and Year	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
February 1948 .....	201.3	226.4	168.9	200.6	182.6	261.1	197.5	210.9	207.6	177.4
February 1949 .....	212.0	230.9	157.8	217.0	199.8	280.2	204.0	202.5	210.5	196.4
February 1950 .....	229.8	240.1	182.3	226.8	222.4	312.1	230.5	206.6	228.4	242.6
January 1951 .....	283.3	289.4	195.4	306.9	271.1	370.4	218.8	178.9	250.8	203.4
February 1951 .....	271.9	276.6	211.7	267.6	267.8	373.9	240.0	229.7	254.0	230.5
Month and Year	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
February 1948 .....	314.8	236.7	299.6	309.5	320.2	277.1	268.9	286.4	263.0	
February 1949 .....	321.4	269.4	297.2	327.8	322.4	292.1	284.0	297.6	281.1	
February 1950 .....	270.3	228.5	240.1	307.5	258.6	298.8	293.4	303.0	287.6	
January 1951 .....	424.3	325.5	453.4	482.5	404.0	387.1	360.6	382.2	378.0	
February 1951 .....	407.9	348.0	368.6	461.6	487.9	322.1	292.5	338.1	310.0	



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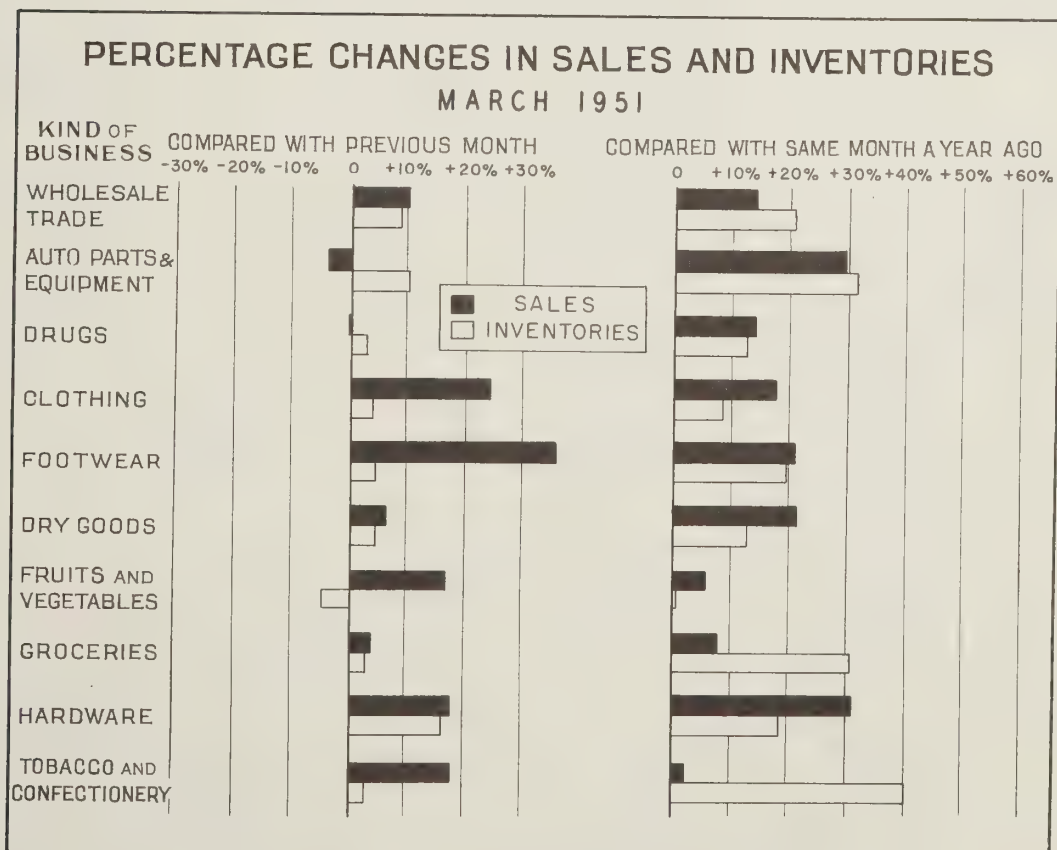
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

MARCH 1951

Wholesale sales in March 1951 were 14% higher than in the same month of 1950, based on the results for nine lines of trade. This increase was more moderate than those reported for the first two months of the year. In the first quarter, sales this year were 23% ahead of 1950 volume for the same three months.





The March index of dollar sales was 334.5 (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100), as compared with indexes of 293.4 for March 1950 and 303.1 for February 1951.

Results quoted throughout this report are based on dollar sales and have not been adjusted for changes in wholesale prices.

Inventories of merchandise for the nine trades were 21% higher on March 31 this year compared with the same date in 1950.

The largest sales increases were those for hardware (31%) and automotive wholesalers (30%). Inventory gains for these two trades were 18% and 31% respectively. Among the more prominent sales increases were those for footwear, dry goods and clothing wholesalers, all of which had increases in excess of the average.

Tobacco wholesalers reported the value of their inventories to be 41% greater on March 31 this year than on the same date in 1950, although having only a 2% sales increase in March.

#### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
March 1948	183.5	212.3	1.25
March 1949	226.3	217.6	1.26
March 1950	239.2	221.5	1.09
February 1951	255.8	253.0	1.26
March 1951	269.6	289.1	1.26

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade (1)

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Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY
	<u>March 1951</u> March 1950	<u>Jan.-March 1951</u> Jan.-March 1950	<u>March 31, 1951</u> March 31, 1950
<u>WHOLESALE TRADE (1), CANADA</u> .....	+ 14.0	+ 22.9	+ 21.0
Maritimes .....	+ 9.1	+ 17.5	
Quebec .....	+ 20.7	+ 26.6	
Ontario .....	+ 15.5	+ 23.8	
Prairies .....	+ 8.0	+ 18.4	
British Columbia .....	+ 16.1	+ 27.3	
<u>Auto Parts and Equipment (2)</u> .....	+ 29.6	+ 46.4	+ 31.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 52.1	+ 68.2	
Ontario .....	+ 25.0	+ 39.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 27.1	+ 45.2	
<u>Drugs</u> .....	+ 14.1	+ 19.1	+ 12.5
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ..	+ 14.2	+ 18.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 13.8	+ 21.2	
<u>Clothing</u> .....	+ 17.7	+ 24.0	+ 8.5
Quebec .....	+ 19.0		
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 16.9		
<u>Footwear</u> .....	+ 21.0	+ 38.3	+ 19.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 30.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 13.2		
<u>Dry Goods</u> .....	+ 21.2	+ 29.7	+ 12.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 27.2	+ 34.3	
Ontario .....	+ 22.4	+ 29.4	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.7	+ 21.5	
<u>Fruits and Vegetables</u> .....	+ 5.6	+ 5.8	+ 0.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 5.1	+ 7.6	
Ontario .....	+ 8.8	+ 9.1	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.5	+ 1.6	
<u>Groceries</u> .....	+ 7.9	+ 17.5	+ 30.5
Maritimes .....	+ 1.4	+ 10.3	
Quebec .....	+ 2.4	+ 14.0	
Ontario .....	+ 5.5	+ 18.7	
Prairies .....	+ 8.7	+ 18.5	
British Columbia .....	+ 22.9	+ 22.4	
<u>Hardware</u> .....	+ 30.8	+ 45.2	+ 18.3
Maritimes .....	+ 27.0	+ 40.5	
Quebec .....	+ 57.7	+ 55.3	
Ontario .....	+ 43.2	+ 49.5	
Western Provinces .....	+ 14.2	+ 38.8	
<u>Tobacco and Confectionery</u> .....	+ 2.1	+ 10.9	+ 41.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 1.5	+ 5.4	
Ontario .....	+ 10.8	+ 16.6	
Western Provinces .....	- 3.7	+ 8.1	

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# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

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Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March 1948	264.9	266.7	265.6	266.8	240.7	311.8	318.4	354.4	321.7	305.5
March 1949	283.2	275.0	267.2	288.4	276.3	314.9	337.5	300.9	341.0	357.1
March 1950	293.4	289.3	271.2	298.8	289.3	326.6	335.5	296.7	374.8	325.7
February 1951	303.1	270.4	275.3	316.7	288.0	363.2	459.2	509.1	456.2	446.6
March 1951	334.5	315.6	327.3	345.1	312.4	379.2	434.8	451.3	468.5	414.0
	DRUGS						DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March 1948	243.7	236.0	265.4	300.0	298.7	343.5	266.3	268.6	282.6	264.0
March 1949	272.5	260.5	305.5	277.2	343.5	350.4	269.2	267.8	301.3	266.6
March 1950	293.2	288.9	305.5	275.3	350.4	312.0	255.5	250.1	272.7	278.3
February 1951	337.7	323.2	384.1	258.5	424.0	292.3	292.3	261.5	351.5	260.8
March 1951	334.5	329.9	347.7	324.0	424.0	309.7	309.7	318.1	333.8	302.5
	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
March 1948	226.9	272.1	192.9	226.3	201.0	295.6	216.0	206.6	237.2	194.2
March 1949	241.4	287.6	185.2	244.9	225.9	307.7	255.5	241.1	277.3	235.0
March 1950	261.0	309.5	219.6	260.6	253.0	302.2	266.0	235.6	286.2	253.6
February 1951	271.6	277.1	211.7	266.9	267.8	373.9	240.4	229.1	254.0	231.0
March 1951	281.6	313.8	224.9	274.9	275.0	371.4	280.9	247.6	311.4	259.9
	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
March 1948	351.3	329.4	346.2	354.6	341.6	342.8	387.1	318.7	328.9	
March 1949	374.5	320.8	340.0	398.9	371.7	353.1	375.9	327.6	349.0	
March 1950	367.4	321.1	300.2	386.5	382.9	373.6	410.5	341.7	369.2	
February 1951	407.6	322.9	371.4	460.9	389.2	320.9	292.5	338.1	307.4	
March 1951	480.6	408.1	473.4	553.5	437.3	381.4	404.3	378.6	355.5	





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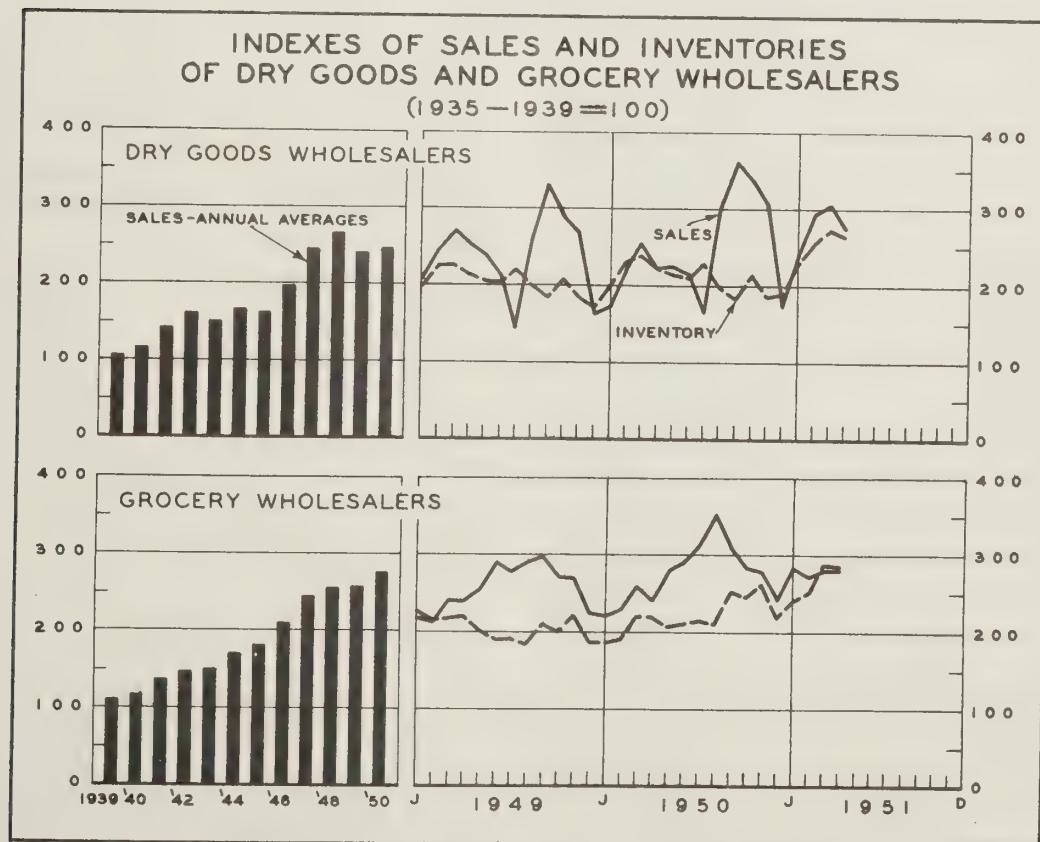
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

APRIL, 1951

Dollar volume of wholesale sales in April 1951 was 23% higher than in April 1950 and 2% above March 1951 sales. Figures contained in this report are based on returns submitted by some 400 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. No adjustment is made for changes in wholesale prices. The April gain was consistent with that for the first four months of the year, the cumulative sales for the period from January to April being 23% in excess of those for the corresponding period of 1950.



The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) was 340.9 for April 1951, as compared with 278.3 for April 1950 and 333.6 for March 1951.

The value of inventories in the nine trades was also 23% higher at April 30, 1951 than at the same date a year ago.

Automotive parts and accessories and hardware dealers held the lead among the nine trades in rate of increase over 1950 in April as well as in the year-to-date comparison. Automotive dealers' sales in April were 54% above April a year ago, while hardware wholesalers' sales rose 42%. Stocks on hand at the end of April were up 33% in the automotive trade and 24% in the wholesale hardware trade.

Increases in sales of 26% and 25% over April 1950 were recorded by tobacco and confectionery wholesalers and by dry goods wholesalers, while inventories in these trades rose 12% and 20% respectively in value.

Fruit and vegetable wholesalers' sales were 2% lower in April this year than in April a year ago, with stocks on hand at April 30 valued 6% higher.

#### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
April 1948	181.1	205.6	1.09
April 1949	211.7	218.8	1.17
April 1950	220.8	220.6	1.19
March 1951	273.2	288.2	1.26
April 1951	264.1	285.5	1.33

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## Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade (1)

(Preliminary)

Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY
	April 1951 April 1950	Jan.-April 1951 Jan.-April 1950	April 30, 1951 April 30, 1950
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE(1), CANADA</b> .....	+ 22.5	+ 22.7	+ 23.0
Maritimes .....	+ 21.5	+ 18.6	
Quebec .....	+ 20.6	+ 24.8	
Ontario .....	+ 22.2	+ 23.3	
Prairies .....	+ 21.9	+ 19.2	
British Columbia .....	+ 27.7	+ 27.4	
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment(2)</b> .....	+ 54.2	+ 48.4	+ 32.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 72.1	+ 67.1	
Ontario .....	+ 43.9	+ 40.8	
Western Provinces .....	+ 57.8	+ 49.0	
<b>Drugs</b> .....	+ 19.2	+ 19.2	+ 6.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ..	+ 15.7	+ 17.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 26.9	+ 22.8	
<b>Clothing</b> .....	+ 8.5	+ 19.8	+ 10.4
Quebec .....	- 6.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 19.8		
<b>Footwear</b> .....	+ 15.7	+ 31.1	+ 24.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 17.4		
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 14.3		
<b>Dry Goods</b> .....	+ 24.6	+ 28.1	+ 19.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 24.8	+ 31.7	
Ontario .....	+ 22.1	+ 27.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 28.3	+ 22.4	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables</b> .....	- 2.0	+ 3.7	+ 6.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 5.2	+ 6.9	
Ontario .....	- 0.5	+ 6.1	
Western Provinces .....	- 6.6	- 0.9	
<b>Groceries</b> .....	+ 16.0	+ 17.1	+ 29.4
Maritimes .....	+ 14.0	+ 11.2	
Quebec .....	+ 7.8	+ 12.7	
Ontario .....	+ 12.4	+ 17.1	
Prairies .....	+ 20.8	+ 18.8	
British Columbia .....	+ 23.5	+ 22.7	
<b>Hardware</b> .....	+ 41.8	+ 44.2	+ 24.3
Maritimes .....	+ 40.5	+ 40.5	
Quebec .....	+ 44.3	+ 52.5	
Ontario .....	+ 56.6	+ 51.5	
Western Provinces .....	+ 32.4	+ 36.9	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery</b> .....	+ 25.8	+ 14.9	+ 12.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 17.8	+ 8.6	
Ontario .....	+ 28.7	+ 19.7	
Western Provinces .....	+ 26.3	+ 12.6	

(1) Composite of Nine Trades. (2) Designation of this group has been changed from "Automotive Equipment" but the content is the same.

NOTE: Figures for Newfoundland are not available.



## MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

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(Average 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April 1948	285.1	297.7	281.0	296.5	249.0	344.4	368.1	412.3	370.6	353.2
April 1949	291.1	276.6	265.3	304.2	287.6	324.4	394.6	351.7	379.5	432.0
April 1950	278.3	264.7	247.3	292.0	273.2	322.1	371.7	325.3	375.7	391.4
March 1951	333.6	315.6	325.2	344.5	311.6	379.2	431.5	425.2	468.1	414.0
April 1951	340.9	321.6	298.2	356.8	330.0	411.3	573.2	559.8	540.6	617.6
	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que.&Ont.	western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April 1948	288.9	279.5	308.8	253.5	288.9	288.9	259.2	266.4	272.5	218.9
April 1949	315.8	308.8	328.3	280.9	346.1	346.1	253.0	254.9	257.0	234.0
April 1950	285.2	271.7	316.2	230.1	278.3	278.3	222.4	220.5	231.8	203.6
March 1951	334.8	329.9	348.9	321.8	416.6	416.6	307.4	318.1	333.8	296.7
April 1951	340.0	314.4	401.3	249.7	322.0	322.0	277.1	275.2	283.0	261.2
	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
April 1948	252.0	292.5	226.3	251.8	218.9	321.4	258.5	254.7	282.4	218.9
April 1949	240.4	257.1	182.4	245.3	230.3	315.3	285.1	259.0	300.5	265.3
April 1950	241.8	253.8	191.7	246.3	229.1	318.1	291.9	260.3	344.1	287.6
March 1951	281.1	313.8	226.6	274.9	272.7	371.4	280.9	247.6	311.4	259.9
April 1951	280.5	289.3	206.7	276.8	276.8	392.9	286.1	273.8	342.4	268.6
	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
April 1948	376.0	405.1	356.2	387.9	374.6	348.5	409.8	340.4	292.2	
April 1949	382.8	373.9	336.6	411.9	390.7	375.7	432.3	350.3	334.3	
April 1950	355.6	346.6	298.9	388.8	367.6	350.2	397.3	344.0	296.2	
March 1951	480.2	408.1	474.6	553.5	436.9	382.9	399.8	377.6	358.5	
April 1951	504.2	487.0	431.3	608.9	486.7	440.6	468.0	442.7	374.1	



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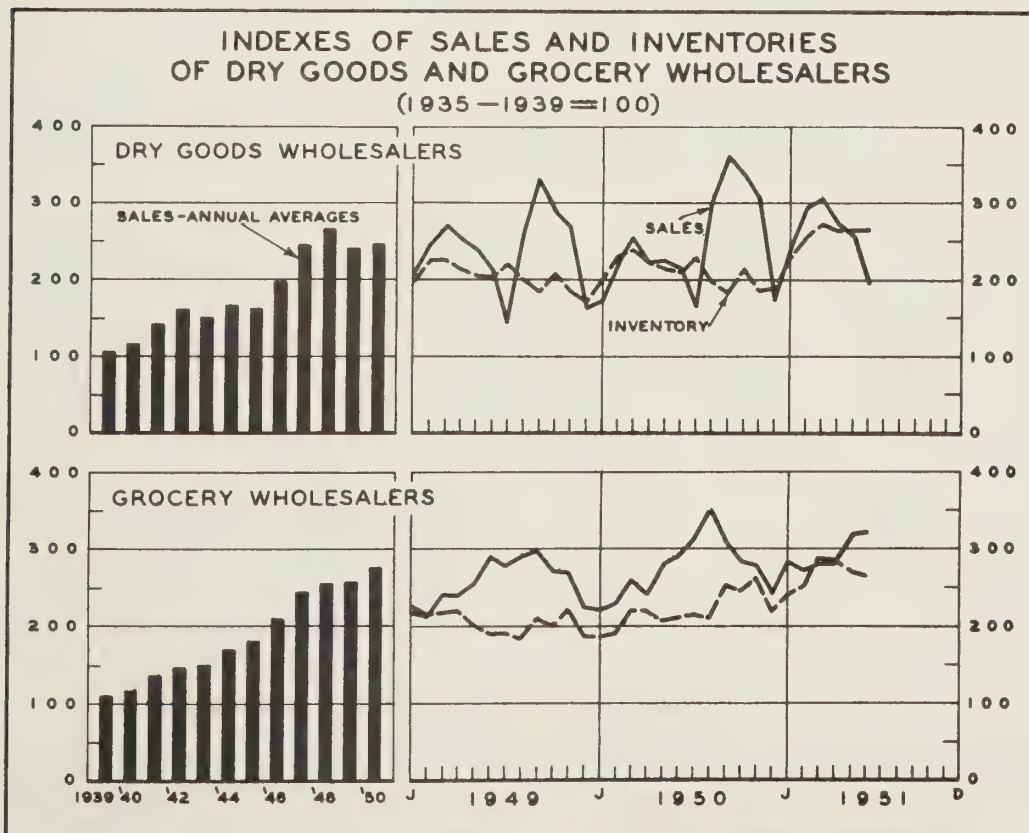
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

JUNE, 1951

Sales of wholesalers in June 1951 exceeded the June, 1950 volume by 5% but were 5% below sales in May 1951. These figures are based on statements submitted by some 400 firms representing nine lines of trade. The June increase over a year ago was considerably lower than that of 17% registered for the first six months of 1951 over the corresponding period of 1950. The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 343.0 for June 1951, 326.4 for June 1950, and 361.7 for May 1951.

Stocks in the hands of wholesalers at the end of June 1951 were valued 24% higher than at June 30, 1950.



Increases in sales for various regions of the country varied only slightly from the Canada average of 5% except for British Columbia where a gain of 11% in dollar volume of wholesale sales was recorded.

Automotive parts and equipment wholesalers again registered the greatest increase among the individual trades, with sales up 17% over June a year ago, but the June gain was considerably lower than the 37% increase for the first half of 1951 compared with the corresponding period of 1950. Stocks of automotive wholesalers were valued 37% higher than at June 30, 1950. Hardware wholesalers, which had shared with automotive wholesalers the lead in amount of percentage increase for the past several months, reported sales up only 7% over June 1950 as compared with a 32% increase for the year to date. The value of hardware wholesalers' inventories was 27% in excess of the total a year previously.

Grocery wholesalers' sales were up 11%, and stocks 25%, compared with totals for June 1950. A gain of 9% in sales, and of 31% in stocks was reported by footwear wholesalers. Smaller gains of 5% and 2% occurred in sales of drug and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers respectively.

Sales of fruit and vegetable wholesalers dropped 6% below the volume of sales in June 1950, with the six-month cumulative sales 2% above the first six months of 1950.

Decreases were recorded by dry goods wholesalers and clothing wholesalers for the first time this year. Sales of the former were 8% below those for June last year while stocks were valued 26% higher. A decrease of 12% in sales was registered by clothing wholesalers, with stocks in this trade valued 24% above June 30, 1950. Sales during the first half of the year were 19% higher in the case of dry goods wholesalers and 12% greater for clothing wholesalers than in the first half of 1950.

#### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
June 1948 .....	184.6	175.7	1.03
June 1949 .....	203.4	189.2	.95
June 1950 .....	210.5	210.6	.96
May 1951 .....	264.0	270.1	1.09
June 1951 .....	265.4	262.8	1.12

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade (1)  
(Preliminary)

Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY
	<u>June 1951</u> June 1950	<u>Jan.-June 1951</u> Jan.-June 1950	<u>June 30, 1951</u> June 30, 1950
<b><u>WHOLESALE TRADE (1) CANADA</u></b> .....	+5.1	+17.4	+23.9
Maritimes .....	+4.2	+13.0	
Quebec .....	+2.4	+18.1	
Ontario .....	+4.3	+17.4	
Prairies .....	+5.2	+15.4	
British Columbia .....	+10.8	+22.7	
<b><u>Auto Parts and Equipment (2)</u></b> .....	+17.2	+36.8	+37.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+19.5	+46.3	
Ontario .....	+14.7	+31.5	
Western Provinces .....	+18.7	+38.3	
<b><u>Drugs</u></b> .....	+ 5.1	+15.0	+ 1.5
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .....	+ 3.7	+13.5	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.3	+18.7	
<b><u>Clothing</u></b> .....	-11.7	+12.2	+24.1
Quebec .....	-13.4	-	
Ontario and Western Provinces .....	-10.6	-	
<b><u>Footwear</u></b> .....	+ 8.5	+25.8	+30.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+37.2	-	
Ontario and Western Provinces .....	- 9.8	-	
<b><u>Dry Goods</u></b> .....	- 8.3	+19.4	+26.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 7.3	+21.7	
Ontario .....	-12.9	+17.5	
Western Provinces .....	- 3.2	+18.2	
<b><u>Fruits and Vegetables</u></b> .....	- 6.2	+ 2.2	- 1.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 8.3	+ 4.4	
Ontario .....	+ 1.0	+ 5.5	
Western Provinces .....	-11.4	- 2.3	
<b><u>Groceries</u></b> .....	+11.3	+15.4	+24.8
Maritimes .....	+ 7.5	+ 9.0	
Quebec .....	+ 4.8	+10.9	
Ontario .....	+ 7.6	+14.5	
Prairies .....	+15.3	+17.7	
British Columbia .....	+20.9	+22.7	
<b><u>Hardware</u></b> .....	+ 6.5	+32.2	+27.0
Maritimes .....	- 1.1	+24.4	
Quebec .....	+ 8.0	+36.9	
Ontario .....	+ 5.5	+36.1	
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.1	+28.7	
<b><u>Tobacco and Confectionery</u></b> .....	+ 2.1	+ 8.2	+10.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 2.2	+ 3.7	
Ontario .....	+ 7.0	+13.3	
Western Provinces .....	- 0.8	+ 5.2	

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# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average 1935-1939=100)

Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTO PARTS AND EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June 1948	290.0	303.9	254.7	300.6	277.4	342.6	379.0	399.0	349.6	408.0
June 1949	310.9	305.1	258.8	325.2	306.8	377.5	415.0	411.8	388.4	450.8
June 1950	326.4	310.9	281.6	339.5	325.5	380.1	430.8	414.7	424.1	450.8
May 1951	361.7	353.9	311.6	404.2	357.6	441.5	513.0	633.7	459.2	529.1
June 1951	343.0	324.0	288.4	354.1	342.4	421.2	504.9	495.6	486.4	535.1
	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que & Ont	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June 1948	274.2	258.1	316.1	243.2	218.5	239.2	239.2	249.8	240.3	213.4
June 1949	289.0	271.2	337.6	229.3	206.3	212.2	212.2	215.6	227.6	180.7
June 1950	299.7	281.5	348.7	230.2	216.6	215.0	215.0	218.2	222.6	193.0
May 1951	365.3	352.6	395.7	229.4	317.4	252.5	252.5	231.8	272.5	259.3
June 1951	315.0	291.9	377.6	203.7	235.0	197.2	197.2	202.3	193.9	186.8
	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June 1948	269.4	308.8	224.6	276.4	248.5	331.7	256.1	235.6	281.5	242.0
June 1949	289.9	307.3	234.0	304.9	266.6	375.2	309.4	274.5	307.7	330.8
June 1950	289.9	309.5	242.0	299.7	272.2	363.2	359.8	364.0	342.5	376.1
May 1951	319.0	324.1	259.8	315.8	313.1	444.9	364.6	345.5	384.4	338.0
June 1951	322.7	332.7	253.6	322.5	313.8	439.1	337.5	333.8	345.9	333.2
	HAIRWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
June 1948	373.0	348.2	367.1	407.6	373.6	387.2	387.2	404.4	367.9	368.7
June 1949	407.7	347.9	375.2	459.8	419.6	405.0	405.0	430.7	392.9	374.6
June 1950	444.4	390.0	422.5	507.6	444.8	424.0	424.0	441.9	416.1	391.1
May 1951	518.0	433.8	444.0	587.7	545.7	414.5	414.5	395.3	463.3	342.7
June 1951	473.3	385.7	456.3	535.5	476.4	432.9	432.9	432.2	445.2	388.0



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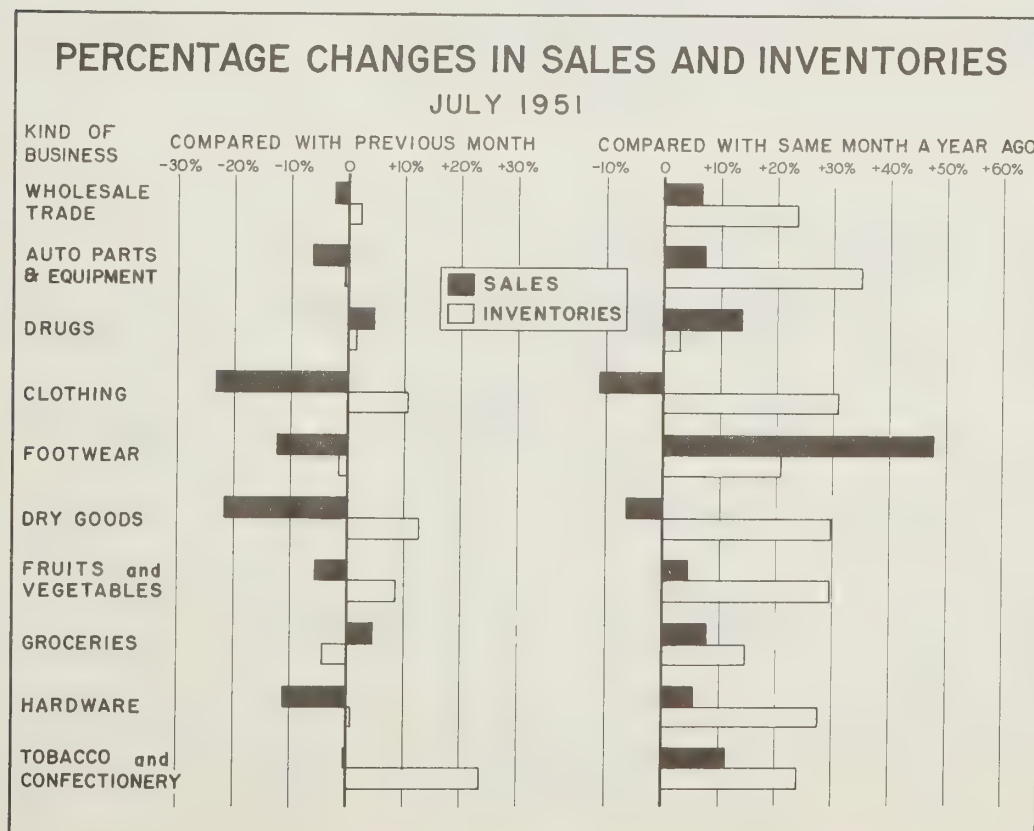
## WHOLESALE TRADE

JULY, 1951

Dollar sales of wholesalers in July 1951 were 7% in excess of the sales volume for July 1950 and 2% below June 1951. Cumulative figures for the first seven months of 1951 indicate an increase of 16% in sales over the corresponding period of 1950.

Figures in this report are based on returns from some 400 wholesalers representing nine trades. They reflect trends in dollar volume of business, and are without adjustment for changes in wholesale prices.

The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 335.5 for July 1951, as compared with 314.1 for July 1950 and 343.7 for June 1951.





Stocks in the hands of wholesalers at the end of July were valued 23% higher than at July 31, 1950.

Footwear wholesalers' sales advanced 48% to lead the other trades in percentage gain over last July. This compares with a 28% gain registered for the first seven months of the year. Stocks in the wholesale footwear trade were valued 27% above the inventory value of a year ago.

Sales of drug wholesalers were up 14% over July 1950, while tobacco and confectionery wholesalers registered a gain of 11%. Increases ranging between 4% and 8% were recorded by grocery, automotive parts and equipment, hardware, and fruit and vegetable wholesalers. Stocks of grocery wholesalers were valued 14% higher than at the end of July a year ago, while increases in value of stocks in the automotive parts and equipment, hardware, and fruit and vegetable trades were 35%, 27% and 30%, respectively.

Decreases from July 1950 were reported in sales of dry goods wholesalers (7%) and clothing wholesalers (11%), while the value of stocks on hand in these trades increased 30% and 31%, respectively. Both trades showed increases for the year to date, dry goods wholesalers' sales being 17% and clothing wholesalers' sales 10% in excess of the volume for the first seven months of 1950.

The Prairie Provinces, with an overall increase of 13%, had the greatest gain in dollar volume of business over July 1950 among the various regions of the country. Sales in British Columbia were up 7%, while gains of 6% and 3% were recorded for Ontario and Quebec, respectively. A decrease of 1% was reported in wholesale sales in the Maritime Provinces.

#### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
July 1948	207.5	184.0	.85
July 1949	220.8	191.4	.92
July 1950	231.2	214.0	.91
<del>June, 1951</del>	263.5	262.4	1.12
July 1951	299.6	244.6	1.03

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade<sup>(1)</sup>

(Preliminary)

Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY
	July 1951 July 1950	Jan.-July 1951 Jan.-July 1950	July 31, 1951 July 31, 1950
<u>WHOLESALE TRADE</u> <sup>(1)</sup> , CANADA .....	+ 6.8	+15.7	+23.2
Maritimes .....	- 1.3	+10.7	
Quebec .....	+ 2.9	+15.9	
Ontario .....	+ 5.6	+15.7	
Prairies .....	+12.7	+15.0	
British Columbia .....	+ 7.0	+20.3	
<u>Auto Parts and Equipment</u> .....	+ 7.0	+31.8	+34.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 4.8	+37.7	
Ontario .....	+12.4	+28.1	
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.1	+33.2	
<u>Drugs</u> .....	+13.6	+14.8	+ 2.8
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .....	+14.0	+13.6	
Western Provinces .....	+12.8	+17.8	
<u>Clothing</u> .....	-11.3	+ 9.5	+30.9
Quebec .....	-12.4		
Ontario and Western Provinces .....	-10.4		
<u>Footwear</u> .....	+47.7	+27.9	+20.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+81.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces .....	+17.9		
<u>Dry Goods</u> .....	- 6.5	+16.5	+29.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 3.5	+19.4	
Ontario .....	-13.4	+14.0	
Western Provinces .....	- 1.5	+15.4	
<u>Fruits and Vegetables</u> .....	+ 4.6	+ 2.7	+29.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 5.3	+ 3.2	
Ontario .....	+ 4.6	+ 5.3	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.4	- 0.3	
<u>Groceries</u> .....	+ 7.6	+14.1	+14.3
Maritimes .....	- 0.2	+ 7.4	
Quebec .....	(x)	+ 8.9	
Ontario .....	- 1.0	+11.9	
Prairies .....	+25.3	+19.1	
British Columbia .....	+10.1	+20.7	
<u>Hardware</u> .....	+ 5.2	+28.0	+27.2
Maritimes .....	-10.1	+18.8	
Quebec .....	+ 2.3	+31.0	
Ontario .....	+11.9	+32.8	
Western Provinces .....	+ 4.9	+24.8	
<u>Tobacco and Confectionery</u> .....	+11.1	+ 8.8	+23.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+11.1	+ 5.0	
Ontario .....	+19.2	+14.1	
Western Provinces .....	+ 3.6	+ 5.1	

(1) Composite of Nine Trades. (x) Unchanged.

NOTE: Figures for Newfoundland are not available.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average 1935-39=100)

Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTO PARTS AND EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July 1948	283.5	319.3	229.7	283.7	293.2	351.7	349.2	406.9	357.0	320.4
July 1949	285.5	298.5	230.2	288.8	304.3	326.5	355.8	361.7	381.3	330.7
July 1950	314.1	318.2	263.8	313.9	333.2	359.5	443.0	438.4	479.7	411.7
June 1951	343.7	324.0	282.9	355.5	343.7	422.3	505.3	500.1	486.4	534.6
July 1951	335.5	314.1	271.5	331.5	375.5	384.7	474.0	417.4	539.2	436.8
	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DAY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que.&Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July 1948	282.1	264.7	332.0		178.2	172.6	179.0	145.3	187.8	238.1
July 1949	291.4	274.0	341.0		155.0	145.3	146.4	115.8	161.1	191.0
July 1950	290.8	272.4	343.0		176.2	140.4	165.1	131.4	186.1	207.2
June 1951	315.9	293.6	376.6		203.3	236.5	197.6	203.8	193.9	185.5
July 1951	330.3	310.5	386.9		156.3	207.4	154.4	126.8	161.2	204.1
	GROCERIES			PRAIRIES		BRITISH COLUMBIA	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July 1948	287.7	332.6	218.5	285.7	293.4	340.0	252.6	208.3	267.6	268.0
July 1949	277.3	310.0	221.1	289.1	272.9	309.7	304.4	239.3	306.1	345.7
July 1950	313.6	331.7	259.4	321.2	312.7	364.2	307.4	254.4	295.1	354.3
June 1951	322.7	331.8	252.2	324.0	314.1	439.1	339.7	337.8	345.6	337.0
July 1951	337.4	331.0	259.4	318.0	391.8	401.0	321.5	240.9	308.7	384.1
	HARDWARE			TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY		WESTERN PROVINCES	TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July 1948	337.2	318.7	305.6	327.5	359.4	359.4	384.0	377.1	365.3	377.1
July 1949	352.0	319.7	316.3	328.8	386.7	386.7	377.1	363.1	361.3	371.1
July 1950	400.9	367.3	390.3	382.7	417.6	417.6	392.2	378.7	374.7	386.7
June 1951	474.2	385.7	456.3	537.0	478.2	478.2	436.3	438.8	445.2	392.3
July 1951	421.7	330.2	399.3	428.2	438.1	438.1	435.7	420.7	446.6	400.6





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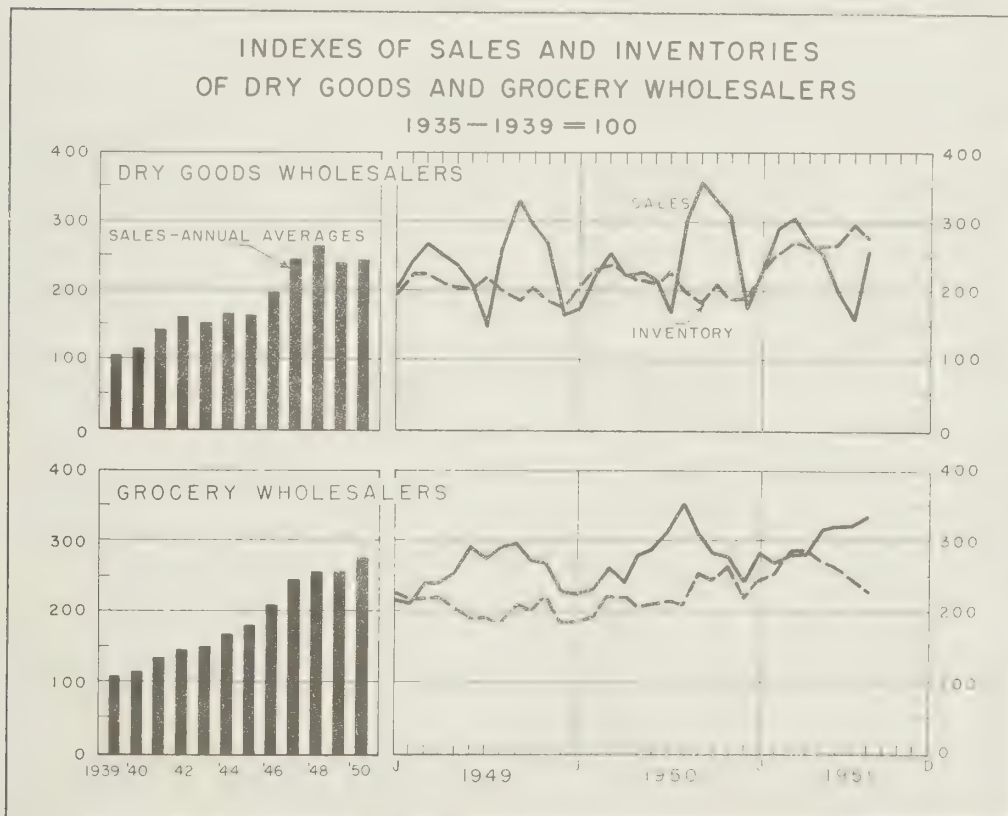
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

### AUGUST, 1951

Wholesale trade in August was 2% lower, in dollar volume, than in the same month of last year. This decrease is the first for 1951 in monthly comparisons with last year. Cumulative figures for the first eight months showed sales up 13% over the same period of 1950.



About 400 wholesalers, distributed over nine trades, supply figures upon which this report is based.

The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 361.9 for August 1951, as compared with 368.9 for August 1950 and 328.9 for July 1951.

Stocks remained at a comparatively high level, 24% above the dollar volume of inventories held at the end of August 1950.

Wholesalers in footwear, drugs and fruits and vegetables enjoyed a more active trade in August than was the case with those in the other six trades. Five of the nine trades showed sales declines from August a year ago, the largest being that for dry goods wholesalers, 14%.

Inventories were higher than last year in all nine trades with particularly marked gains (30% or over) in auto parts and equipment, clothing, dry goods, fruits and vegetables and hardware.

Sales moved downward in August in all sections of the country except British Columbia.

#### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939=100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
August 1948	185.6	187.4	.92
August 1949	198.4	183.1	.91
August 1950	198.4	209.8	.84
July 1951	299.4	243.5	1.03
August 1951	275.2	228.3	1.00

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade<sup>(1)</sup>  
(Preliminary)

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Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY	
	August 1951 August 1950	Jan.-Aug. 1951 Jan.-Aug. 1950	August 31, 1951 August 31, 1950	
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE<sup>(1)</sup>, CANADA</b> .....	- 1.9	+ 12.7		
Maritimes .....	- 4.9	+ 8.3	+ 23.7	
Quebec .....	- 8.8	+ 12.1		
Ontario .....	- 0.2	+ 13.4		
Prairies .....	- 0.7	+ 11.3		
British Columbia .....	+ 2.4	+ 17.5		
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment</b> .....	- 5.7	+ 25.1		
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 17.6	+ 28.3	+ 38.8	
Ontario .....	+ 7.0	+ 24.7		
Western Provinces .....	- 11.5	+ 24.3		
<b>Drugs</b> .....	+ 10.6	+ 14.3		
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 11.5	+ 13.3	+ 4.5	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.8	+ 16.5		
<b>Clothing</b> .....	- 6.4	+ 7.2		
Quebec .....	- 11.1		+ 34.5	
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 3.1			
<b>Footwear</b> .....	+ 20.5	+ 26.3		
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 29.2		+ 19.0	
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 14.4			
<b>Dry Goods</b> .....	- 13.8	+ 11.4		
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 17.9	+ 13.4	+ 38.7	
Ontario .....	- 17.7	+ 8.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 0.1	+ 12.5		
<b>Fruits and Vegetables</b> .....	+ 9.8	+ 3.3		
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 7.0	+ 2.6	+ 40.7	
Ontario .....	+ 5.9	+ 5.4		
Western Provinces .....	+ 18.4	+ 1.8		
<b>Groceries</b> .....	- 4.8	+ 10.4		
Maritimes .....	- 5.6	+ 5.4	+ 8.8	
Quebec .....	- 11.7	+ 5.5		
Ontario .....	- 8.2	+ 8.6		
Prairies .....	- 6.0	+ 12.1		
British Columbia .....	+ 11.6	+ 19.3		
<b>Hardware</b> .....	- 6.4	+ 22.4		
Maritimes .....	- 9.2	+ 14.4	+ 29.9	
Quebec .....	- 11.5	+ 23.7		
Ontario .....	+ 0.2	+ 28.6		
Western Provinces .....	- 6.5	+ 19.7		
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery</b> .....	+ 6.8	+ 8.5		
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 7.8	+ 5.3	+ 4.7	
Ontario .....	+ 16.4	+ 14.4		
Western Provinces .....	- 2.5	+ 4.0		

(1) Composite of Nine Trades.

NOTE: Figures for Newfoundland are not available.



# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

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(Average 1935-39=100)

Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTO PARTS AND EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August 1948 .....	296.7	304.8	249.4	292.5	312.7	346.1	376.0	395.9	321.5	408.0
August 1949 .....	317.2	313.9	258.6	310.6	347.7	368.6	420.4	412.1	389.0	438.2
August 1950 .....	368.9	352.8	313.4	359.1	400.6	427.6	575.1	560.0	496.8	638.5
July 1951 .....	328.9	314.4	271.2	331.2	350.5	385.0	474.9	433.6	534.9	436.8
August 1951 .....	361.9	335.1	285.8	358.4	397.8	437.9	542.3	461.4	531.6	565.1
	DRUGS						FOOTWEAR			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August 1948 .....	279.6	268.6	309.0	264.5	363.6	363.6	284.5	243.7	325.4	300.3
August 1949 .....	319.3	307.8	350.7	270.3	352.3	352.3	260.9	218.1	306.2	276.0
August 1950 .....	330.8	315.5	372.4	280.0	361.5	361.5	301.1	259.1	339.0	323.5
July 1951 .....	330.3	310.5	386.9	159.3	203.9	203.9	154.0	126.8	161.3	201.0
August 1951 .....	365.9	351.8	405.2	262.1	435.6	435.6	259.5	212.7	279.0	323.8
	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Province
August 1948 .....	285.4	313.9	227.4	290.5	281.3	332.7	249.0	167.8	230.1	318.9
August 1949 .....	291.4	318.6	229.9	292.0	281.6	370.0	303.5	192.6	253.1	424.1
August 1950 .....	353.2	364.2	283.7	360.9	356.2	409.2	286.8	205.1	267.3	358.8
July 1951 .....	322.4	330.7	258.4	318.0	334.0	401.0	315.4	248.3	307.5	366.7
August 1951 .....	336.2	343.8	250.5	331.3	334.8	456.7	314.9	190.7	283.1	424.8
	HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August 1948 .....	339.5	313.5	319.1	293.9	362.3	362.3	348.2	336.4	355.5	336.0
August 1949 .....	377.9	343.9	348.5	340.3	400.0	400.0	380.9	372.4	384.7	369.9
August 1950 .....	479.9	420.9	472.6	409.4	506.4	506.4	425.1	391.8	420.9	431.3
July 1951 .....	420.5	330.2	395.4	428.2	438.1	438.1	436.5	420.7	446.3	402.2
August 1951 .....	449.2	382.2	418.3	410.2	473.5	473.5	454.0	422.4	489.9	420.5



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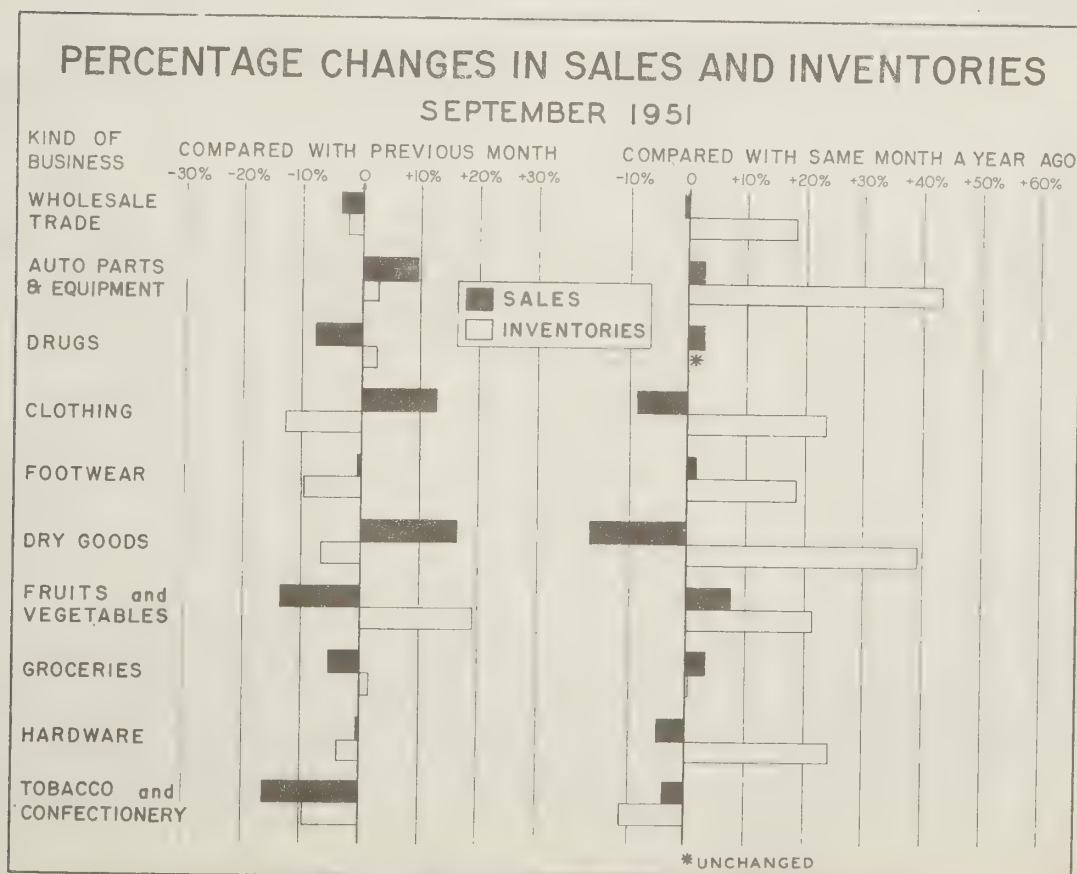
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

### SEPTEMBER, 1951

Dollar volume of sales in September 1951 was slightly below the September 1950 level (-0.8%), the second month of 1951 in which sales were below last year's totals. Cumulative figures for the nine months of this year showed sales up 11% over the same period of 1950.

The results shown in this report are based on returns from about 400 wholesalers distributed over nine trades. They reflect trends in dollar volume of business and are not adjusted for changes in wholesale prices.



The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 348.7 for September 1951 compared with 352.1 for September 1950 and 362.3 for August 1951.

Stocks on hand at the end of September remained at a comparatively high level, 18% above the dollar volume of inventories held at the end of September 1950. The dollar volume of sales was greater this September than last in five of the nine trades. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers recorded the largest gain at 8% above September 1950, while dry goods wholesalers showed the greatest decline in sales with a drop of 16% from a year ago. Clothing wholesalers recorded a smaller decline in sales volume, 9% below September 1950.

Wholesalers of auto parts and equipment reported the greatest increase in inventories from last year with a gain of 43%. Marked gains were also shown for dry goods, hardware, clothing, and fruit and vegetable wholesalers. Stocks of tobacco and confectionery wholesalers were 11% below last year in dollar volume.

Sales in September were below those of August in Ontario and the Western Provinces. Quebec and the Maritimes showed gains in sales volume.

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	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
September 1948	169.6	219.1	.88
September 1949	182.7	210.8	.86
September 1950	182.9	253.2	1.10
August 1951	275.2	228.1	1.00
September 1951	255.0	255.2	1.06



## Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade(1)

(Preliminary)

Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY
	September 1951 September 1950	Jan.-Sept. 1951 Jan.-Sept. 1950	September 30, 1951 September 30, 1950
<u>WHOLESALE TRADE(1), CANADA</u> .....	- 0.8	+ 11.0	
Maritimes .....	- 0.3	+ 7.3	+ 18.2
Quebec .....	- 7.0	+ 9.5	
Ontario .....	- 1.6	+ 11.5	
Prairies .....	+ 1.7	+ 10.5	
British Columbia .....	+ 5.5	+ 16.1	
<u>Auto Parts and Equipment</u> .....	+ 2.7	+ 21.6	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 7.6	+ 23.4	+ 43.2
Ontario .....	+ 7.3	+ 22.1	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.4	+ 20.8	
<u>Drugs</u> .....	+ 2.7	+ 12.9	
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 2.8	+ 12.0	(x)
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.5	+ 15.0	
<u>Clothing</u> .....	- 8.6	+ 4.8	
Quebec .....	- 8.4		+ 23.8
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 8.7		
<u>Footwear</u> .....	+ 1.2	+ 21.8	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.6		+ 18.7
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 1.4		
<u>Dry Goods</u> .....	- 16.4	+ 6.7	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 17.4	+ 8.1	+ 39.4
Ontario .....	- 22.4	+ 3.4	
Western Provinces .....	- 5.2	+ 9.6	
<u>Fruits and Vegetables</u> .....	+ 7.6	+ 3.7	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 15.3	+ 3.7	+ 21.6
Ontario .....	+ 1.6	+ 5.0	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.9	+ 2.7	
<u>Groceries</u> .....	+ 3.3	+ 9.5	
Maritimes .....	+ 1.0	+ 4.9	+ 0.8
Quebec .....	- 7.9	+ 3.7	
Ontario .....	+ 4.6	+ 8.2	
Prairies .....	+ 2.5	+ 10.9	
British Columbia .....	+ 15.1	+ 18.8	
<u>Hardware</u> .....	- 4.8	+ 18.8	
Maritimes .....	- 5.2	+ 11.5	+ 24.5
Quebec .....	- 6.4	+ 18.9	
Ontario .....	- 5.2	+ 23.8	
Western Provinces .....	- 3.7	+ 16.7	
<u>Tobacco and Confectionery</u> .....	- 3.4	+ 7.1	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 11.3	+ 3.5	- 11.0
Ontario .....	- 1.2	+ 12.6	
Western Provinces .....	- 1.9	+ 3.3	

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(Preliminary)

Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY
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<b>WHOLESALE TRADE(1), CANADA</b> .....	- 0.8	+ 11.0	
Maritimes .....	- 0.3	+ 7.3	+ 18.2
Quebec .....	- 7.0	+ 9.5	
Ontario .....	- 1.6	+ 11.5	
Prairies .....	+ 1.7	+ 10.5	
British Columbia .....	+ 5.5	+ 16.1	
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment</b> .....	+ 2.7	+ 21.6	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 7.6	+ 23.4	+ 43.2
Ontario .....	+ 7.3	+ 22.1	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.4	+ 20.8	
<b>Drugs</b> .....	+ 2.7	+ 12.9	
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 2.8	+ 12.0	(x)
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.5	+ 15.0	
<b>Clothing</b> .....	- 8.6	+ 4.8	
Quebec .....	- 8.4		+ 23.8
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 8.7		
<b>Footwear</b> .....	+ 1.2	+ 21.8	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.6		+ 18.7
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 1.4		
<b>Dry Goods</b> .....	- 16.4	+ 6.7	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 17.4	+ 8.1	+ 39.4
Ontario .....	- 22.4	+ 3.4	
Western Provinces .....	- 5.2	+ 9.6	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables</b> .....	+ 7.6	+ 3.7	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 15.3	+ 3.7	+ 21.6
Ontario .....	+ 1.6	+ 5.0	
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.9	+ 2.7	
<b>Groceries</b> .....	+ 3.3	+ 9.5	
Maritimes .....	+ 1.0	+ 4.9	+ 0.8
Quebec .....	- 7.9	+ 3.7	
Ontario .....	+ 4.6	+ 8.2	
Prairies .....	+ 2.5	+ 10.9	
British Columbia .....	+ 15.1	+ 18.8	
<b>Hardware</b> .....	- 4.8	+ 18.8	
Maritimes .....	- 5.2	+ 11.5	+ 24.5
Quebec .....	- 6.4	+ 18.9	
Ontario .....	- 5.2	+ 23.8	
Western Provinces .....	- 3.7	+ 16.7	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery</b> .....	- 3.4	+ 7.1	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 11.3	+ 3.5	- 11.0
Ontario .....	- 1.2	+ 12.6	
Western Provinces .....	- 1.9	+ 3.3	

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# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average 1935-39=100)

Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTO PARTS AND EQUIPMENT				
						British Columbia			Western Provinces	
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	
September 1948 ....	327.0	326.5	306.8	320.9	342.8	350.8	497.2	486.5	476.1	499.0
September 1949 ....	332.2	330.1	300.7	328.9	359.6	341.7	497.2	437.4	488.5	506.0
September 1950 ....	352.1	342.3	336.2	353.9	362.8	364.6	577.7	554.2	521.7	614.8
August 1951 .....	362.3	338.0	287.7	359.1	397.0	438.3	542.9	478.8	525.6	563.8
September 1951 ....	348.7	340.3	311.8	347.5	368.3	384.7	595.4	511.2	568.2	627.5
	DRUGS		CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS				
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA		CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September 1948 ....	294.4	303.5	273.3	311.9	411.4	338.0	337.5	331.7	338.6	
September 1949 ....	322.4	330.5	303.4	300.0	408.5	331.2	313.2	337.0	345.7	
September 1950 ....	328.2	333.1	316.4	324.9	426.5	360.7	338.9	394.3	343.3	
August 1951 .....	366.5	352.1	405.2	262.9	434.9	259.5	213.0	279.0	323.8	
September 1951 ....	337.1	342.4	324.3	296.4	431.2	301.5	280.4	306.0	325.4	
	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September 1948 ....	296.1	305.5	262.2	293.6	296.2	354.2	272.7	169.1	239.8	386.3
September 1949 ....	297.3	312.8	252.0	299.2	296.2	356.3	263.7	147.8	228.8	387.5
September 1950 ....	310.4	322.8	275.7	305.5	309.2	377.7	253.2	166.3	249.4	332.1
August 1951 .....	336.6	344.2	250.8	333.1	334.8	455.8	315.2	195.3	282.8	424.8
September 1951 ....	319.1	324.4	253.2	316.7	314.6	434.7	271.8	191.7	251.8	361.7
	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
September 1948 ....	383.1	420.9	395.2	423.2	369.1	375.0	397.9	357.1	365.7	
September 1949 ....	412.2	412.5	428.8	446.9	403.8	385.5	414.6	368.5	372.6	
September 1950 ....	472.0	468.6	515.4	527.8	443.0	392.1	415.0	386.6	370.4	
August 1951 .....	450.1	382.2	417.8	410.7	475.0	453.2	426.3	489.9	418.8	
September 1951 ....	449.3	444.2	482.4	500.4	426.6	379.4	367.4	383.0	363.4	



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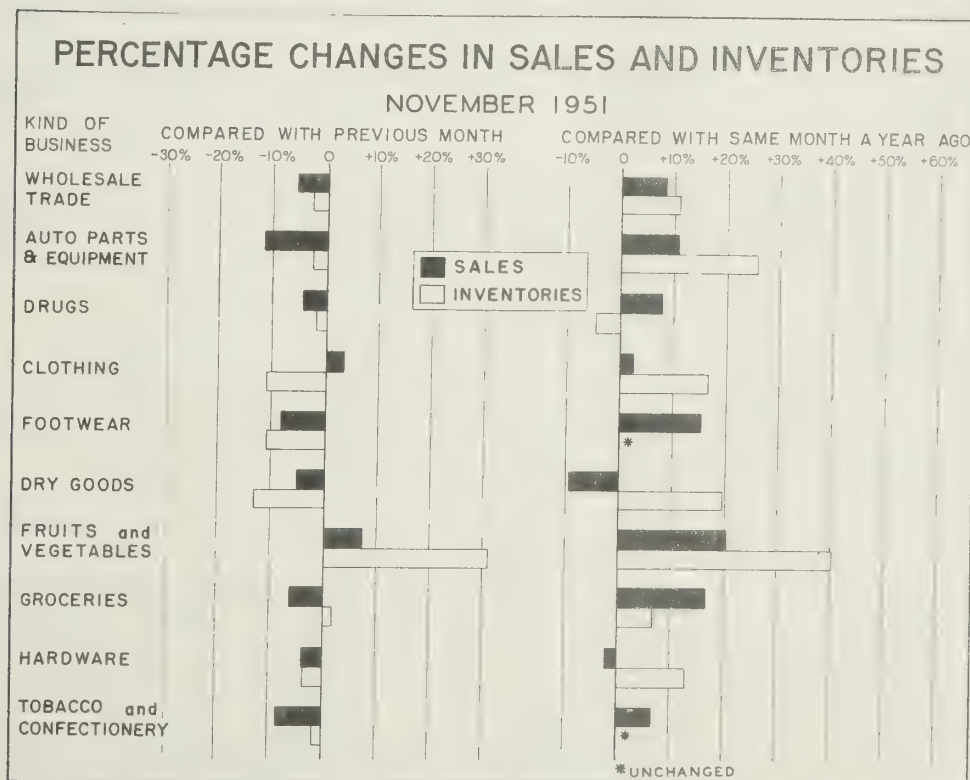
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## WHOLESALE TRADE NOVEMBER, 1951

The dollar volume of sales in November 1951 was 8% above the 1950 November level, with all regions contributing to the increase. Sales in the Maritime Provinces were 11% above November 1950, and the increases ranged downward to 7% in the Prairies and Quebec. The cumulative figures for the first eleven months of 1951 were 11% above the dollar volume of sales in the same period of 1950.

The results shown in this report are based on returns from about 400 wholesalers distributed over nine trades. They reflect trends in dollar volume of business and are not adjusted for changes in wholesale prices.



The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base 1935-1939=100) stood at 354.0 for November 1951 compared with 326.9 for November a year ago and 375.4 for October 1951.

Stocks on hand at the end of November were 11% greater in dollar volume than at the end of November in 1950. Inventories showed the greatest gains in the fruit and vegetable, and the auto parts and equipment trades. The dollar volume of inventory remained unchanged in two trades and was 5% below the level of a year ago in drug wholesalers.

As in the case of inventories, fruit and vegetable wholesalers took the lead in sales increase during November 1951 with a gain of 20%. All trades except two registered increases in sales. Sales of hardware wholesalers were 2% below the November 1950 level and dry goods wholesalers sales, 10% lower in dollar volume.

#### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939=100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
November 1948	166.2	261.9	1.22
November 1949	183.7	223.4	1.03
November 1950	186.6	263.2	1.20
October 1951	277.4	255.0	.95
November 1951	223.0	280.6	1.10



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade(1)  
(Preliminary)

Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY
	November 1951 November 1950	Jan.-Nov. 1951 Jan.-Nov. 1950	November 30, 1951 November 30, 1950
<u>WHOLESALE TRADE(1), CANADA</u> .....	+ 8.3	+ 10.7	+ 11.2
Maritimes .....	+ 10.7	+ 8.3	
Quebec .....	+ 7.3	+ 8.9	
Ontario .....	+ 9.5	+ 11.3	
Prairies .....	+ 6.8	+ 9.6	
British Columbia .....	+ 9.2	+ 15.5	
<u>Auto Parts and Equipment</u> .....	+ 11.0	+ 19.7	+ 25.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 9.0	+ 20.1	
Ontario .....	+ 15.2	+ 20.9	
Western Provinces .....	+ 7.7	+ 18.6	
<u>Drugs</u> .....	+ 7.9	+ 12.7	- 4.8
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 6.9	+ 12.0	
Western Provinces .....	+ 10.5	+ 14.6	
<u>Clothing</u> .....	+ 2.4	+ 2.2	+ 16.6
Quebec .....	+ 22.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 9.6		
<u>Footwear</u> .....	+ 15.5	+ 17.8	(x)
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 38.0		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 2.7		
<u>Dry Goods</u> .....	- 9.5	+ 2.5	+ 19.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 12.3	+ 3.2	
Ontario .....	- 7.7	(x)	
Western Provinces .....	- 8.0	+ 5.4	
<u>Fruits and Vegetables</u> .....	+ 20.4	+ 5.9	+ 40.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 15.4	+ 5.0	
Ontario .....	+ 27.4	+ 7.5	
Western Provinces .....	+ 16.7	+ 5.0	
<u>Groceries</u> .....	+ 16.3	+ 11.3	+ 6.6
Maritimes .....	+ 20.6	+ 7.7	
Quebec .....	+ 11.3	+ 6.0	
Ontario .....	+ 15.6	+ 9.7	
Prairies .....	+ 13.8	+ 12.1	
British Columbia .....	+ 22.5	+ 20.8	
<u>Hardware</u> .....	- 2.3	+ 14.4	+ 13.0
Maritimes .....	- 7.9	+ 8.2	
Quebec .....	+ 5.8	+ 15.8	
Ontario .....	- 3.7	+ 18.4	
Western Provinces .....	- 4.8	+ 12.3	
<u>Tobacco and Confectionery</u> .....	+ 6.5	+ 7.8	(x)
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 1.2	+ 4.6	
Ontario .....	+ 13.6	+ 13.3	
Western Provinces .....	+ 2.3	+ 3.7	

(1) Composite of Nine Trades. (x) Unchanged.

NOTE: Figures for Newfoundland are not available.

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

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(Average 1935-39=100)

Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE					AUTO PARTS AND EQUIPMENT				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November 1948 .....	313.6	319.9	304.3	305.1	310.6	373.2	427.5	445.7	384.1	465.2
November 1949 .....	306.7	281.8	285.1	305.4	319.9	349.7	425.8	426.5	407.5	442.4
November 1950 .....	326.9	303.2	301.4	325.3	336.2	387.8	479.5	459.8	467.8	495.9
October 1951 .....	375.4	370.0	349.0	370.3	370.1	454.6	580.9	556.9	588.8	583.8
November 1951 .....	354.0	335.6	323.4	356.2	359.1	423.5	532.2	501.2	538.9	534.1
	DRUGS			CLCTHING	FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS				
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November 1948 .....	325.3	318.4	345.3	319.7	312.3	312.3	325.7	315.8	340.4	357.0
November 1949 .....	334.1	327.0	354.3	280.7	312.9	312.9	268.4	235.6	316.9	289.2
November 1950 .....	360.5	354.5	377.7	304.0	330.1	330.1	305.7	277.3	342.9	336.9
October 1951 .....	406.9	393.6	440.7	300.6	414.9	414.9	291.5	251.8	315.5	321.1
November 1951 .....	389.0	379.0	477.4	311.3	381.3	381.3	276.7	243.2	316.5	309.9
	GROCERIES					FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November 1948 .....	268.4	302.1	244.2	270.4	242.5	347.1	256.5	231.4	245.1	295.7
November 1949 .....	268.4	264.6	245.9	273.4	261.9	327.7	234.4	185.4	227.5	287.1
November 1950 .....	277.0	280.5	238.0	276.4	277.1	350.6	240.5	193.9	223.6	303.8
October 1951 .....	344.0	361.5	298.5	334.8	332.1	473.0	270.4	202.3	242.5	336.8
November 1951 .....	322.2	338.3	264.9	319.5	315.3	429.5	289.6	223.8	284.9	354.5
	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
November 1948 .....	430.9	371.3	429.9	446.4	429.1	366.2	370.7	349.1	377.5	
November 1949 .....	422.7	332.7	410.6	441.5	427.8	391.8	403.7	362.4	412.2	
November 1950 .....	482.3	401.9	475.9	527.2	469.7	390.2	395.6	376.2	398.2	
October 1951 .....	490.3	502.4	495.4	515.4	469.2	453.8	499.5	447.0	393.2	
November 1951 .....	471.2	370.1	503.5	507.7	447.2	415.6	400.3	427.4	407.4	



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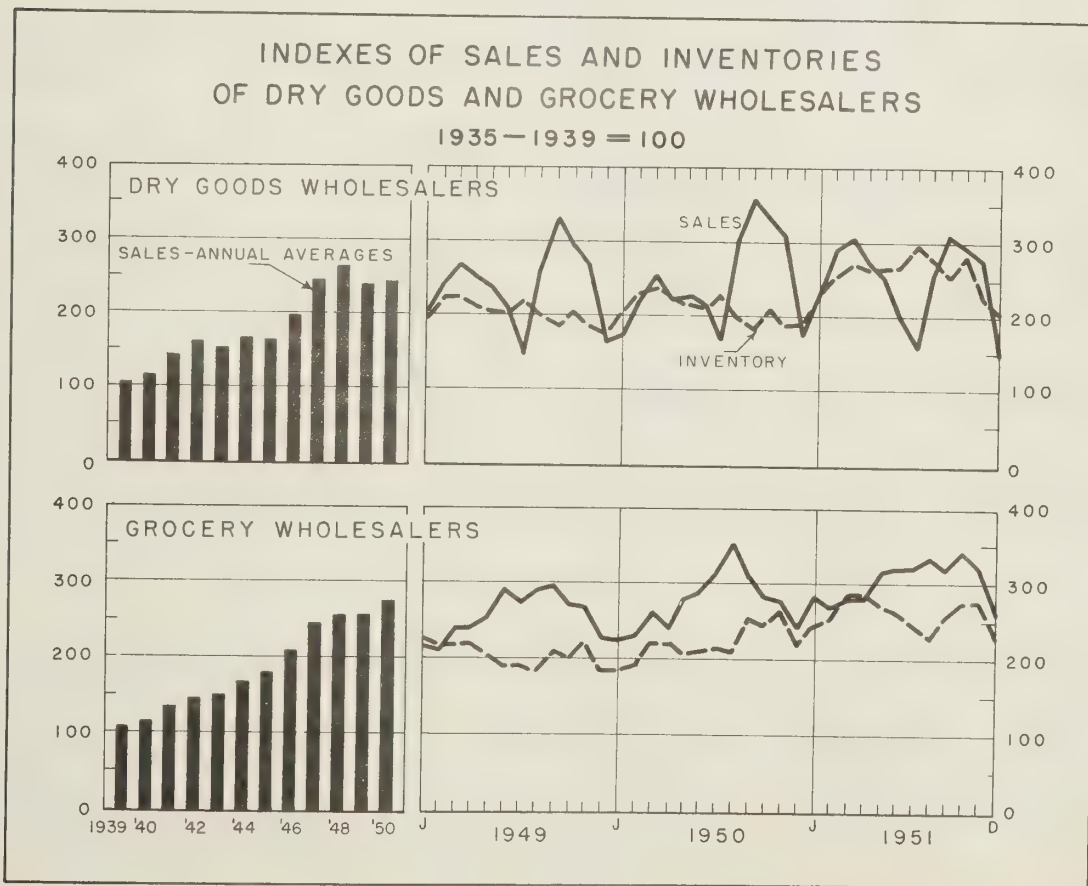
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

DECEMBER, 1951

Wholesale sales in December 1951 were 4% higher than in December 1950, with all regions except Quebec contributing to the increase. The largest provincial percentage gain over December last year was recorded in British Columbia where sales rose 10%. Sales in the twelve months of 1951 were 10% above the 1950 volume.

The results shown in this report are based on returns from 400 wholesalers distributed over nine trades. They reflect trends in dollar volume of business and are not adjusted for changes in wholesale prices.





The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 294.8 for December 1951 compared with 282.4 for December a year ago and 353.4 for November 1951.

Fruit and vegetable wholesalers took the lead in sales increases in December 1951 with a gain of 22%. In the other eight trades, four showed increases in volume of sales and four registered declines; auto parts and equipment sales were 11% higher and dry goods, 15% lower than in the same period last year.

Year-end stocks held by wholesalers in the nine trades covered by this survey were valued 6% higher than stocks at the end of 1950, the December increase being the lowest month-end increase in value of inventories of any month during 1951. Wholesalers of **fruits and vegetables** with an increase of 49% recorded the greatest gain among the nine trades. An increase of 20% was reported by auto parts and equipment wholesalers; stocks of hardware, dry goods, clothing and groceries were up 10%, 8%, 7%, and 3% respectively over December 1950. Decreases in dollar volume of inventory were recorded by wholesalers of footwear, tobacco and confectionery, and drugs, 23%, 9% and 4% respectively.

#### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939=100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
December 1948	162.8	223.1	1.43
December 1949	170.8	186.3	1.24
December 1950	189.9	220.6	1.33
November 1951	223.0	278.5	1.10
December 1951	204.1	228.1	1.34

## Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade(1)

(Preliminary)

Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY	
	December 1951 December 1950	Jan.=Dec. 1951 Jan.=Dec. 1950	December 31, 1951 December 31, 1950	
<u>WHOLESALE TRADE(1), CANADA</u> .....	+ 4.4	+ 10.2	+ 6.3	
Maritimes .....	+ 5.6	+ 8.1		
Quebec .....	+ 2.4	+ 8.0		
Ontario .....	+ 2.5	+ 10.6		
Prairies .....	+ 8.4	+ 9.5		
British Columbia .....	+ 10.4	+ 15.1		
<u>Auto Parts and Equipment</u> .....	+ 11.2	+ 18.6	+ 20.3	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 1.9	+ 18.1		
Ontario .....	+ 10.2	+ 19.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 17.0	+ 18.5		
<u>Drugs</u> .....	- 0.4	+ 11.6	- 3.6	
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 0.8	+ 11.1		
Western Provinces .....	- 3.2	+ 13.0		
<u>Clothing</u> .....	+ 0.2	+ 2.0	+ 7.0	
Quebec .....	+ 0.9			
Ontario and Western Provinces .	- 0.5			
<u>Footwear</u> .....	- 4.4	+ 16.2	- 22.5	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 15.9			
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 10.6			
<u>Dry Goods</u> .....	- 15.3	+ 1.4	+ 7.5	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 10.9	+ 2.5		
Ontario .....	- 21.0	- 1.3		
Western Provinces .....	- 12.7	+ 4.2		
<u>Fruits and Vegetables</u> .....	+ 21.9	+ 7.2	+ 48.9	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 12.0	+ 5.5		
Ontario .....	+ 17.9	+ 8.4		
Western Provinces .....	+ 29.8	+ 7.1		
<u>Groceries</u> .....	+ 7.3	+ 10.9	+ 3.4	
Maritimes .....	+ 11.0	+ 7.9		
Quebec .....	+ 4.1	+ 5.7		
Ontario .....	+ 2.4	+ 9.1		
Prairies .....	+ 7.2	+ 11.8		
British Columbia .....	+ 16.6	+ 20.5		
<u>Hardware</u> .....	- 7.9	+ 12.6	+ 10.0	
Maritimes .....	- 13.3	+ 6.6		
Quebec .....	- 12.5	+ 13.2		
Ontario .....	- 7.0	+ 16.0		
Western Provinces .....	- 5.1	+ 11.0		
<u>Tobacco and Confectionery</u> .....	+ 10.6	+ 8.0	- 8.8	
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 2.4	+ 4.4		
Ontario .....	+ 10.3	+ 13.0		
Western Provinces .....	+ 14.7	+ 4.5		

(1) Composite of Nine Trades.

NOTE: Figures for Newfoundland are not available.

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average 1935-39=100)

Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTO PARTS AND EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December 1948	259.9	264.6	247.9	276.7	231.9	292.8	319.4	399.9	371.5	273.9
December 1949	261.5	257.2	236.0	282.5	240.7	293.1	328.0	347.9	364.8	311.4
December 1950	282.4	265.2	260.5	301.7	258.8	327.7	374.6	444.3	435.6	328.5
November 1951	353.4	335.3	322.2	355.6	358.4	420.8	527.9	497.0	529.1	534.1
December 1951	294.8	280.1	254.2	309.2	280.5	361.8	440.8	435.9	480.0	384.3
		DRUGS			CLOTHING	FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces		CANADA	CANADA		Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December 1948	261.6	267.2	246.1		234.3	249.9	192.8	159.4	227.0	201.5
December 1949	301.1	285.4	344.3		204.8	222.2	163.3	129.0	199.3	173.3
December 1950	322.8	307.1	366.7		201.3	244.6	173.6	150.9	191.7	184.6
November 1951	389.0	379.0	417.4		309.8	382.6	275.4	243.2	314.8	306.9
December 1951	321.5	309.6	355.0		201.7	233.8	147.0	134.5	151.4	161.2
		GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia		Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December 1948	219.8	261.8	207.1	241.7	180.2	246.0	258.1	206.4	250.0	298.6
December 1949	224.0	260.5	208.1	249.9	185.1	248.7	268.7	184.1	263.8	332.6
December 1950	242.4	252.4	211.4	267.4	208.2	298.9	267.9	196.1	265.1	320.0
November 1951	321.0	336.9	261.6	319.5	314.8	429.5	289.6	223.2	285.3	354.5
December 1951	260.1	280.2	220.1	273.8	223.2	348.5	326.6	219.6	312.6	415.4
		HARDWARE						TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces			Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December 1948	356.2	297.1	349.5	406.9	337.5	371.0	371.0	434.5	359.7	338.0
December 1949	333.8	262.9	330.6	400.4	307.8	399.6	399.6	459.7	400.3	355.2
December 1950	411.9	336.5	430.8	498.1	365.7	384.8	384.8	445.0	387.9	338.9
November 1951	471.7	370.1	502.1	507.7	448.6	414.8	414.8	400.3	427.0	405.4
December 1951	379.4	291.7	377.0	463.2	347.0	425.6	425.6	455.7	427.9	388.7





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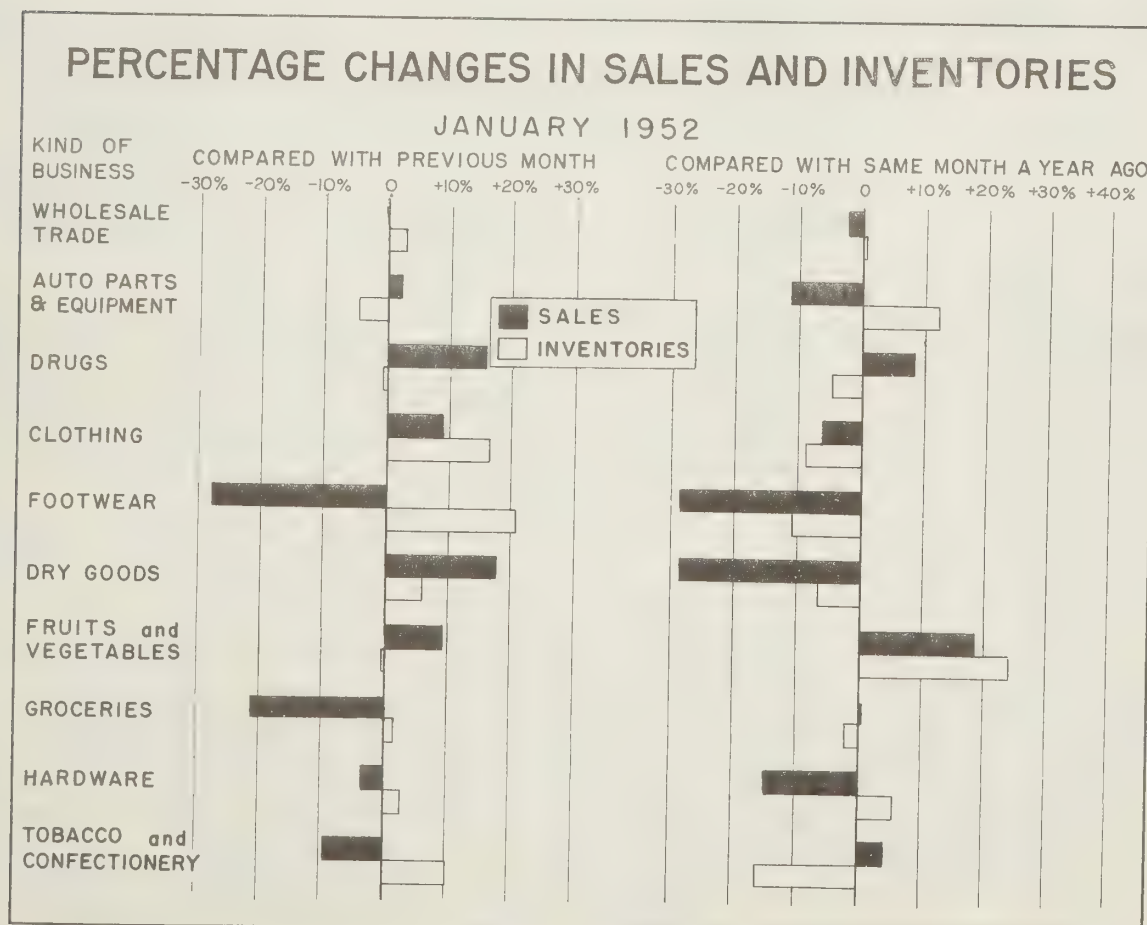
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

JANUARY 1952

Indexes of wholesale sales for the nine trades covered in this survey are shown in this report for January 1952 and for each month of 1951 with a revision to the Canada totals. It has been found necessary to revise the Canada totals because of changes in provincial weights. The indexes shown for total wholesale trade represent the weighted average of the nine trades only and not all kinds of wholesale business. Because provincial indexes for some trades are not available, indexes for the total of the nine trades are shown only for Canada total.



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### Sales Trends by Trades

January sales of wholesalers in the trades covered by this survey were 3% lower than in January of 1951. Footwear and dry goods wholesalers reported the greatest decreases in sales - 29% below January a year ago. Wholesalers dealing in food products and drugs had increased sales in January 1952 over the same month last year. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers recorded 18% greater dollar value sales than in January 1951, drugs reported a gain of 8%, tobacco and confectionery 4% and grocery wholesalers reported a slight increase of 0.4%.

### Inventories

Inventories in January this year were only slightly above the 1951 level, and the trend was not consistent with sales. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers, who reported the most pronounced sales gain also had the largest increase in stocks (24% above 1951 stocks). Auto parts and equipment and hardware wholesalers both with decreased sales recorded inventory gains of 12% and 6% respectively. Declines in inventories were reported in the remaining six trades; tobacco and confectionery wholesalers with a decrease of 16% recording the greatest drop.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
January 1951	231.2	243.2	1.10
December 1951	204.1	228.1	1.34
January 1952	215.5	238.3	1.10

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade (1)  
(Preliminary)

Trade and Region	Sales		Inventory
	January 1952		January 31, 1952
	January 1951		January 31, 1951
<u>WHOLESALE TRADE</u> (1), CANADA . . . . .	- 2.6		+ 0.6
<u>Auto Parts and Equipment</u> . . . . .	- 11.5		+12.3
Maritimes and Quebec . . . . .	- 26.5		
Ontario . . . . .	- 6.9		
Western Provinces . . . . .	- 7.5		
<u>Drugs</u> . . . . .	+ 8.2		- 4.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario . .	+ 5.4		
Western Provinces . . . . .	+ 17.4		
<u>Clothing</u> . . . . .	- 6.3		- 8.8
<u>Footwear</u> . . . . .	- 28.9		-10.8
<u>Dry Goods</u> . . . . .	- 28.9		- 6.8
Maritimes and Quebec . . . . .	- 35.4		
Ontario . . . . .	- 28.3		
Western Provinces . . . . .	- 19.7		
<u>Fruits and Vegetables</u> . . . . .	+ 18.3		+24.4
Maritimes and Quebec . . . . .	+ 11.0		
Ontario . . . . .	+ 18.3		
Western Provinces . . . . .	+ 25.4		
<u>Groceries</u> . . . . .	+ 0.4		- 2.0
Maritimes . . . . .	- 13.2		
Quebec . . . . .	- 5.1		
Ontario . . . . .	- 1.8		
Prairies . . . . .	+ 10.5		
British Columbia . . . . .	+ 10.6		
<u>Hardware</u> . . . . .	- 15.2		+ 5.8
Maritimes . . . . .	- 25.4		
Quebec . . . . .	- 13.6		
Ontario . . . . .	- 15.5		
Western Provinces . . . . .	- 14.3		
<u>Tobacco and Confectionery</u> . . . . .	+ 4.3		-16.2
Maritimes and Quebec . . . . .	+ 0.5		
Ontario . . . . .	+ 5.0		
Western Provinces . . . . .	+ 9.5		

(1) Composite of Nine Trades.

NOTE: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.



Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE (1)					
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia
1951 January	317.6	289.4	195.4	306.9	271.1	370.4
February	307.9	277.1	211.7	266.9	267.8	373.9
March	338.9	313.9	226.6	274.9	272.7	371.4
April	352.4	289.3	207.2	279.3	276.8	392.2
May	372.6	324.1	259.8	315.8	313.1	444.9
June	357.3	331.8	252.2	324.0	314.1	439.1
July	338.7	330.7	258.4	318.0	334.0	401.0
August	367.7	344.2	250.8	333.1	334.8	455.8
September	357.0	325.4	253.2	314.9	314.6	434.7
October	383.7	361.5	298.5	334.8	332.1	473.0
November	364.4	336.9	261.6	319.5	314.8	429.5
December	307.2	280.2	221.8	274.1	223.2	341.0
1952 January	306.3	251.2	185.4	301.4	299.6	409.7

	GROCERIES					
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia
1951 January	280.6	289.4	195.4	306.9	271.1	370.4
February	269.6	277.1	211.7	266.9	267.8	373.9
March	281.2	313.9	226.6	274.9	272.7	371.4
April	278.5	289.3	207.2	279.3	276.8	392.2
May	319.5	324.1	259.8	315.8	313.1	444.9
June	321.2	331.8	252.2	324.0	314.1	439.1
July	321.5	330.7	258.4	318.0	334.0	401.0
August	332.6	344.2	250.8	333.1	334.8	455.8
September	317.4	325.4	253.2	314.9	314.6	434.7
October	346.0	361.5	298.5	334.8	332.1	473.0
November	321.6	336.9	261.6	319.5	314.8	429.5
December	259.1	280.2	221.8	274.1	223.2	341.0
1952 January	283.0	251.2	185.4	301.4	299.6	409.7

	AUTO PARTS AND EQUIPMENT						FOOTWEAR
	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Dry Goods	CANADA	
1951 January	506.7	496.8	532.6	474.2	238.4	211.3	235.0
February	465.2	509.1	456.2	446.6	285.1	261.5	312.0
March	441.9	425.2	468.1	414.0	316.0	318.1	416.6
April	559.1	537.4	531.6	617.6	272.5	275.2	324.8
May	523.0	633.7	459.2	529.1	250.6	231.8	317.4
June	504.2	500.1	486.4	534.6	195.8	203.8	236.5
July	482.1	433.6	534.9	436.8	157.7	126.8	203.9
August	526.7	478.8	525.6	563.8	263.0	213.0	434.9
September	574.0	524.5	562.3	628.7	299.2	280.4	432.1
October	580.1	556.9	588.8	588.8	289.0	251.8	414.9
November	523.4	497.0	529.1	534.1	280.8	243.2	382.6
December	440.2	438.1	476.0	389.0	145.1	130.7	231.1
1952 January	448.9	365.1	495.9	438.6	170.5	136.5	166.4

(1) Composite of Nine Trades.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA  
(Average 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Month and Year	HARDWARE					DRUGS		CLOTHING		
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.		Western Prov.	
1951	January	429.9	325.5	453.4	482.5	404.0	342.9	344.9	336.1	238.3
	February	398.7	322.9	371.4	460.9	389.2	337.3	323.2	384.1	258.5
	March	473.2	408.1	474.6	553.5	436.9	334.3	329.9	348.9	321.8
	April	504.7	487.0	425.0	608.9	489.3	334.9	314.9	401.3	249.7
	May	525.2	433.8	444.0	587.7	545.7	362.6	352.6	395.7	229.4
	June	481.7	385.7	456.3	537.0	478.2	312.8	293.6	376.6	203.3
	July	418.3	330.2	395.4	428.2	438.1	328.1	310.5	386.9	159.3
	August	439.1	382.2	417.8	410.7	475.0	364.4	352.1	405.2	262.9
	September	458.1	444.2	482.4	500.4	423.5	338.1	342.4	323.7	296.7
	October	489.3	502.4	495.4	515.4	469.2	404.5	393.6	440.7	300.6
	November	470.6	370.1	502.1	507.7	448.6	387.9	379.0	417.4	309.8
	December	379.4	291.7	377.0	463.7	346.3	320.2	309.6	355.3	200.9
1952	January	365.2	242.8	291.7	407.7	346.2	370.7	363.5	394.6	218.5
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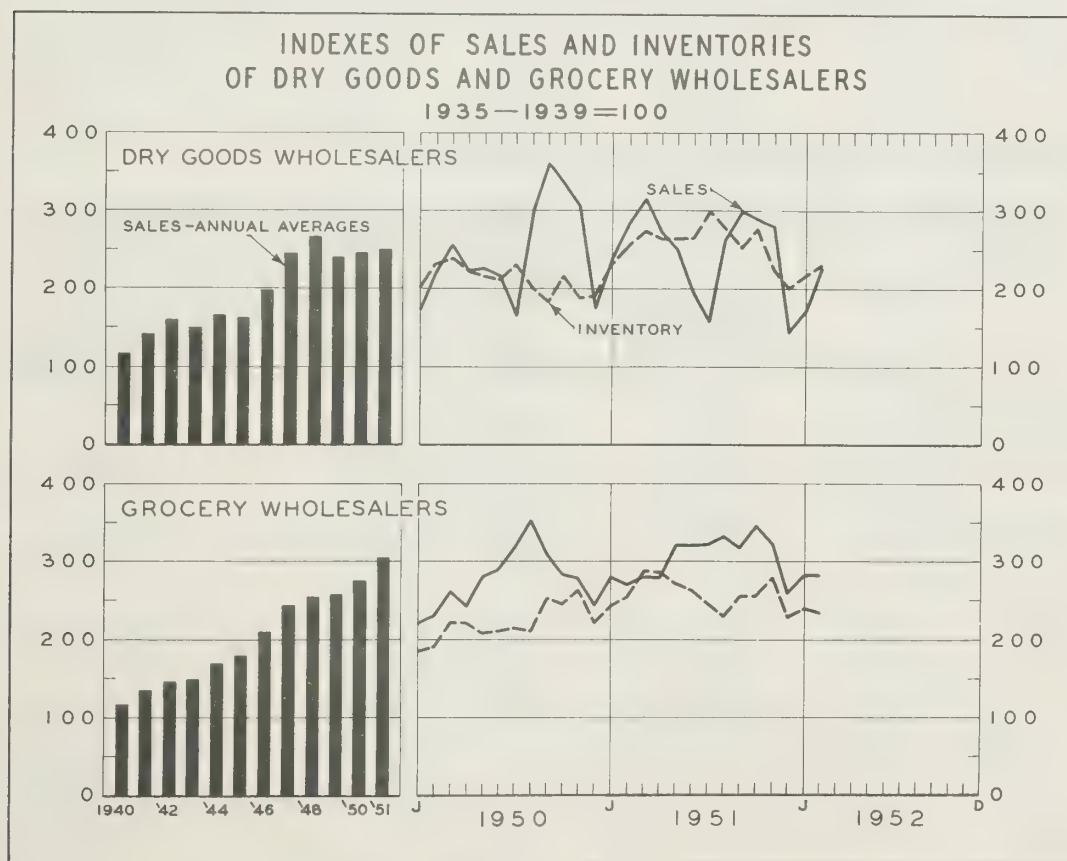
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# WHOLESALE TRADE

FEBRUARY 1952

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 313.2 for February 1952 compared with 307.9 for February a year ago and 308.7 for January 1952.



### Sales Trends by Trades

February sales of wholesalers in the trades covered by this survey were 2% higher than in February 1951. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported the greatest increase in sales - 16% above February last year. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables showed 15% greater dollar value sales than in February last year, auto parts and equipment increased 8%, groceries increased 4% and drug wholesalers reported a gain of 3%. Wholesale sales of dry goods, clothing, hardware, and footwear continued to decline. Dry goods wholesalers, with a decline of 21%, registered the greatest drop in sales from a year ago.

### Inventories

Inventories at the end of February 1952 were down 3% from the same date last year. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers who recorded the greatest increase in sales showed the greatest decrease in stocks (23% below the 1951 level). Groceries and drugs wholesalers recorded decreased stocks of 8% and 3% respectively. Wholesalers of hardware and clothing registered increased stocks of 3% and 1% respectively. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables and auto parts and equipment also recorded increased stocks (13% and 6% above the 1951 level) while wholesalers of dry goods and footwear, registered decreased stocks - 10% and 8% respectively.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
February 1951	255.8	253.0	1.26
January 1952	215.9	238.6	1.10
February 1952	231.2	232.8	1.18

# Wholesale Trade in Canada

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	February(P) 1952	January(R) 1952	February 1951	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	313.2	308.7	307.9	+ 2.1	- 2.9
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	502.6	450.2	465.2	+ 8.5	+ 6.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	457.7	369.1	509.1	- 10.1	
Ontario .....	523.7	496.9	456.2	+ 14.8	
Western Provinces.....	503.3	438.6	446.6	+ 12.7	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	347.1	372.5	337.3	+ 2.8	- 2.8
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	329.0	365.9	323.2	+ 1.8	
Western Provinces .....	407.5	394.6	384.1	+ 6.1	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	228.5	210.7	258.5	- 11.6	+ 1.2
<b>Footwear .....</b>	296.7	166.9	312.0	- 4.9	- 8.5
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	225.6	166.1	285.1	- 20.6	- 9.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	192.2	126.6	261.5	- 26.5	
Ontario .....	268.5	198.3	351.5	- 23.6	
Western Provinces .....	237.3	196.7	260.8	- 9.0	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	272.7	249.5	237.3	+ 15.0	+ 12.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	250.2	199.3	229.1	+ 9.2	
Ontario .....	282.4	297.4	254.0	+ 11.2	
Western Provinces .....	286.2	257.5	231.0	+ 23.9	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	281.6	289.7	269.6	+ 3.6	- 8.0
Maritimes .....	286.5	296.9	277.1	+ 3.4	
Quebec .....	204.7	186.6	211.7	- 3.3	
Ontario .....	272.8	301.7	266.9	+ 2.2	
Prairies .....	279.9	299.0	267.8	+ 4.5	
British Columbia .....	439.7	407.8	373.9	+ 17.6	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	354.9	365.9	398.7	- 11.1	+ 3.2
Maritimes .....	239.3	242.8	322.9	- 25.9	
Quebec .....	318.7	394.5	371.4	- 14.2	
Ontario .....	395.9	406.7	460.9	- 14.1	
Western Provinces .....	368.2	347.0	389.2	- 5.4	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	365.0	389.7	316.2	+ 15.5	- 23.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	340.2	362.4	292.5	+ 16.3	
Ontario .....	387.1	402.8	338.1	+ 14.5	
Western Provinces .....	357.5	407.5	307.4	+ 16.3	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

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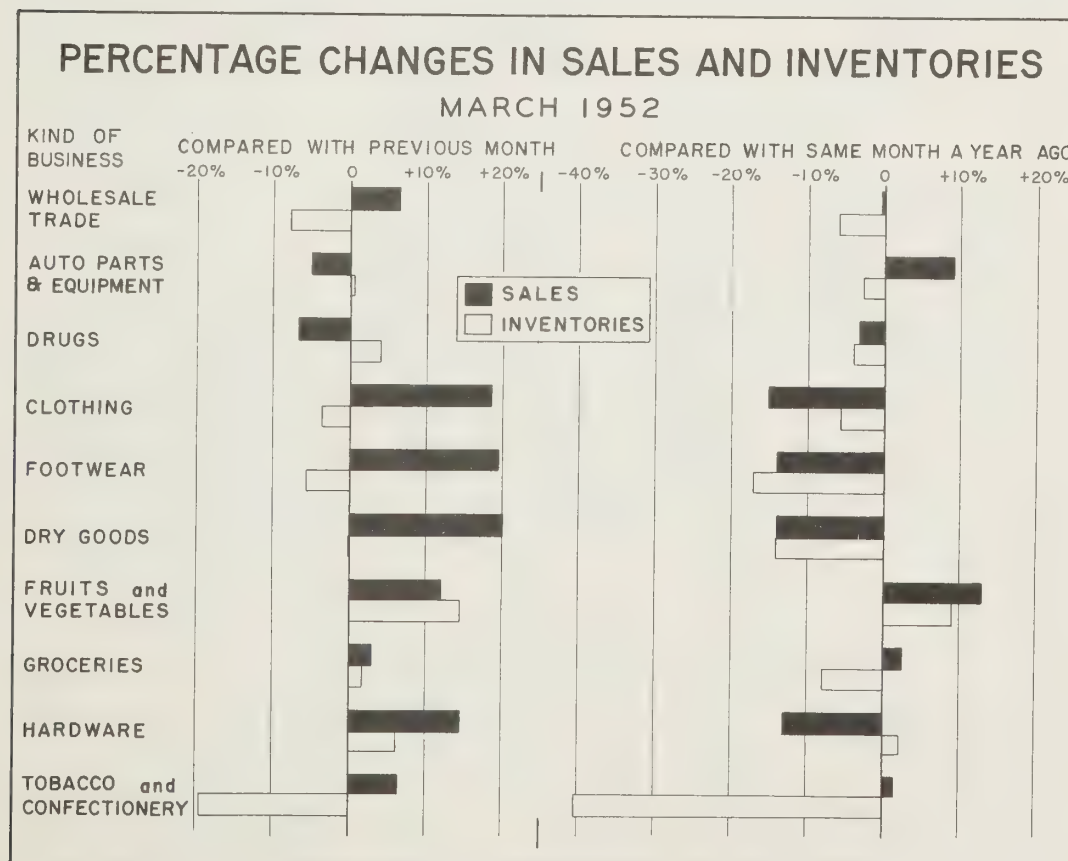
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# WHOLESALE TRADE

MARCH 1952

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 333.7 for March 1952 compared with 338.9 for March a year ago and 313.5 for February 1952.



### Sales Trends by Trades

March sales of wholesalers in the trades covered by this survey declined slightly from March last year. The greatest drop occurred in the clothing trade where wholesalers reported a decrease of 15% in sales from March 1951. Wholesale sales of dry goods, footwear and hardware continued to decline. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables reported the greatest increase in sales-13% above March a year ago. Sales of auto parts and equipment increased 9%, while grocery and tobacco and confectionery sales were 2% higher than in the same period last year.

### Inventories

Inventories at the end of March were down 6% from the same date last year. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers with a decrease of 40% recorded the greatest drop in stocks from March 1951. Decreases in stocks were recorded in all trades except fruits and vegetables and hardware. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables recorded a 9% increase while stocks of hardware wholesalers were 2% higher than at the end of March a year ago.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
March 1951	273.2	288.2
February 1952	230.2	233.0
March 1952	234.4	264.9



Wholesale Trade in Canada

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MARCH, 1952

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	March (P) 1952	February (R) 1952	March 1951	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
Wholesale Trade <sup>1</sup> , Canada .....	333.7	313.5	338.9	- 0.6	- 6.1
Auto Parts and Equipment .....	480.5	506.4	441.9	+ 9.1	- 2.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	431.6	479.6	425.2	+ 1.5	
Ontario .....	484.0	520.5	468.1	+ 3.4	
Western Provinces .....	511.3	504.7	414.0	+ 23.5	
Drugs .....	323.7	347.1	334.3	- 3.3	- 4.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .....	306.8	329.0	329.9	- 7.0	
Western Provinces .....	380.0	407.5	348.9	+ 8.9	
Clothing .....	273.2	230.6	321.8	- 15.1	- 5.7
Footwear .....	358.7	300.5	416.6	- 13.9	- 17.1
Dry Goods .....	270.4	225.2	316.0	- 14.1	- 14.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	247.8	194.0	318.1	- 22.1	
Ontario .....	278.7	268.5	333.8	- 16.5	
Western Provinces .....	297.0	233.2	296.7	+ 0.1	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	305.5	272.6	271.2	+ 12.9	+ 9.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	283.3	250.2	247.6	+ 14.4	
Ontario .....	339.7	281.9	311.4	+ 9.1	
Western Provinces .....	298.1	286.4	259.9	+ 14.7	
Groceries .....	289.9	281.3	281.2	+ 2.4	- 8.1
Maritimes .....	340.5	284.6	313.8	+ 8.5	
Quebec .....	215.3	204.5	226.6	- 5.0	
Ontario .....	278.7	272.8	274.9	+ 1.4	
Prairies .....	276.5	279.9	272.7	+ 1.4	
British Columbia .....	417.1	439.7	371.4	+ 12.3	
Hardware .....	408.6	356.2	473.2	- 13.1	+ 2.2
Maritimes .....	312.2	239.3	408.1	- 23.5	
Quebec .....	383.0	318.3	474.6	- 19.3	
Ontario .....	440.0	403.7	553.5	- 20.5	
Western Provinces .....	419.0	367.0	436.9	- 4.1	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	387.6	363.5	381.6	+ 1.6	- 40.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	407.4	345.2	399.8	+ 1.9	
Ontario .....	377.6	382.7	377.6	(2)	
Western Provinces .....	375.7	351.4	358.5	+ 4.8	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

(2) Unchanged

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

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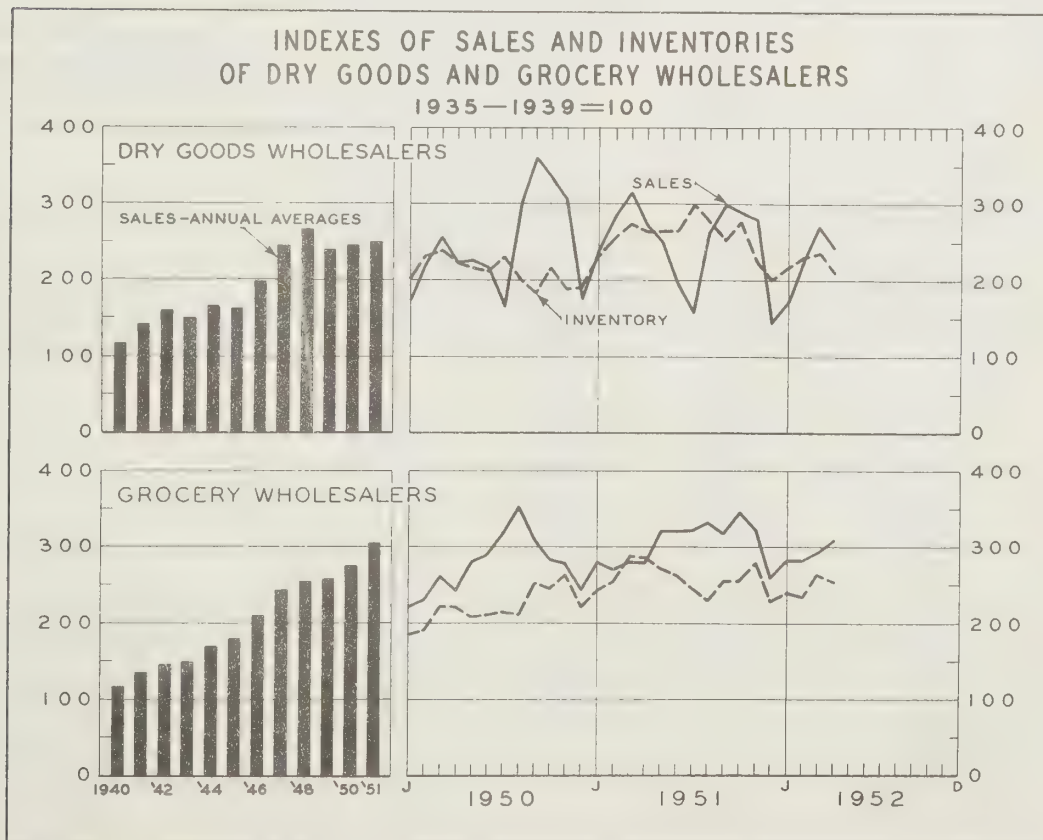
## WHOLESALE TRADE

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 361.5 for April 1952 compared with 352.4 for April a year ago and 335.3 for March 1952.





### Sales Trends by Trades

April sales of wholesalers in the trades covered by this survey were 4% higher than in April last year. Wholesalers of Fruits and Vegetables registered the greatest increase in sales-23% above April 1951. Increased sales of 11%, 10%, and 6% were reported by wholesalers of groceries, drugs and clothing respectively. Slightly higher sales than in April last year were also recorded in the footwear and tobacco and confectionery trades. Wholesalers of dry goods and hardware with a decrease in sales of 12% registered the greatest drop from April 1951. Sales of auto parts and equipment declined 7% from the same period a year ago.

### Inventories

Inventories at the end of April were down 7% from the same date last year. The greatest drop occurred in the footwear trade which reported a decline of 23% in stocks from the end of April 1951. Decreases in inventories were recorded in all trades except fruits and vegetables. Stocks of fruits and vegetables were 27% higher than at the end of April a year ago.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
April 1951	262.5	285.9
March 1952	234.4	264.0
April 1952	208.7	253.6

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APRIL, 1952

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	April (P) 1952	March (R) 1952	April 1951	Sales %	Inventory %
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	<b>361.5</b>	<b>335.3</b>	<b>352.4</b>	<b>+ 4.5</b>	<b>- 7.4</b>
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	<b>519.5</b>	<b>479.8</b>	<b>559.1</b>	<b>- 7.2</b>	<b>- 5.7</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	425.6	429.9	537.4	- 20.8	
Ontario .....	516.7	484.5	531.6	- 2.8	
Western Provinces.....	593.5	509.6	617.6	- 3.9	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	<b>366.8</b>	<b>323.7</b>	<b>334.9</b>	<b>+ 9.7</b>	<b>- 5.3</b>
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	348.0	306.8	314.9	+ 10.5	
Western Provinces .....	429.4	380.0	401.3	+ 7.0	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	<b>263.4</b>	<b>271.9</b>	<b>249.7</b>	<b>+ 5.5</b>	<b>- 12.3</b>
<b>Footwear .....</b>	<b>330.0</b>	<b>361.2</b>	<b>324.8</b>	<b>+ 1.6</b>	<b>- 22.9</b>
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	<b>240.1</b>	<b>270.1</b>	<b>272.5</b>	<b>- 11.8</b>	<b>- 20.5</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	239.7	247.8	275.2	- 12.9	
Ontario .....	238.3	278.7	283.0	- 15.8	
Western Provinces .....	242.4	296.1	259.0	- 6.4	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	<b>364.8</b>	<b>306.3</b>	<b>296.7</b>	<b>+ 22.7</b>	<b>+ 27.4</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	323.2	285.5	279.6	+ 15.6	
Ontario .....	439.4	341.9	346.5	+ 26.8	
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Maritimes .....	329.2	337.3	289.3	+ 13.8	
Quebec .....	211.3	217.8	207.2	+ 2.0	
Ontario .....	327.6	278.2	279.3	+ 17.3	
Prairies .....	293.4	276.8	276.8	+ 6.0	
British Columbia .....	447.9	437.9	392.2	+ 14.2	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	<b>444.8</b>	<b>411.0</b>	<b>504.7</b>	<b>- 11.9</b>	<b>- 0.3</b>
Maritimes .....	437.3	312.2	487.0	- 10.2	
Quebec .....	375.3	390.1	425.0	- 11.7	
Ontario .....	535.8	442.8	608.9	- 12.0	
Western Provinces .....	430.1	419.0	489.3	- 12.1	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	<b>441.5</b>	<b>390.9</b>	<b>435.8</b>	<b>+ 1.4</b>	<b>- 18.4</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	485.0	407.4	473.6	+ 2.4	
Ontario .....	430.3	384.8	435.5	- 1.2	
Western Provinces .....	390.1	375.7	369.4	+ 5.6	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

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## WHOLESALE TRADE

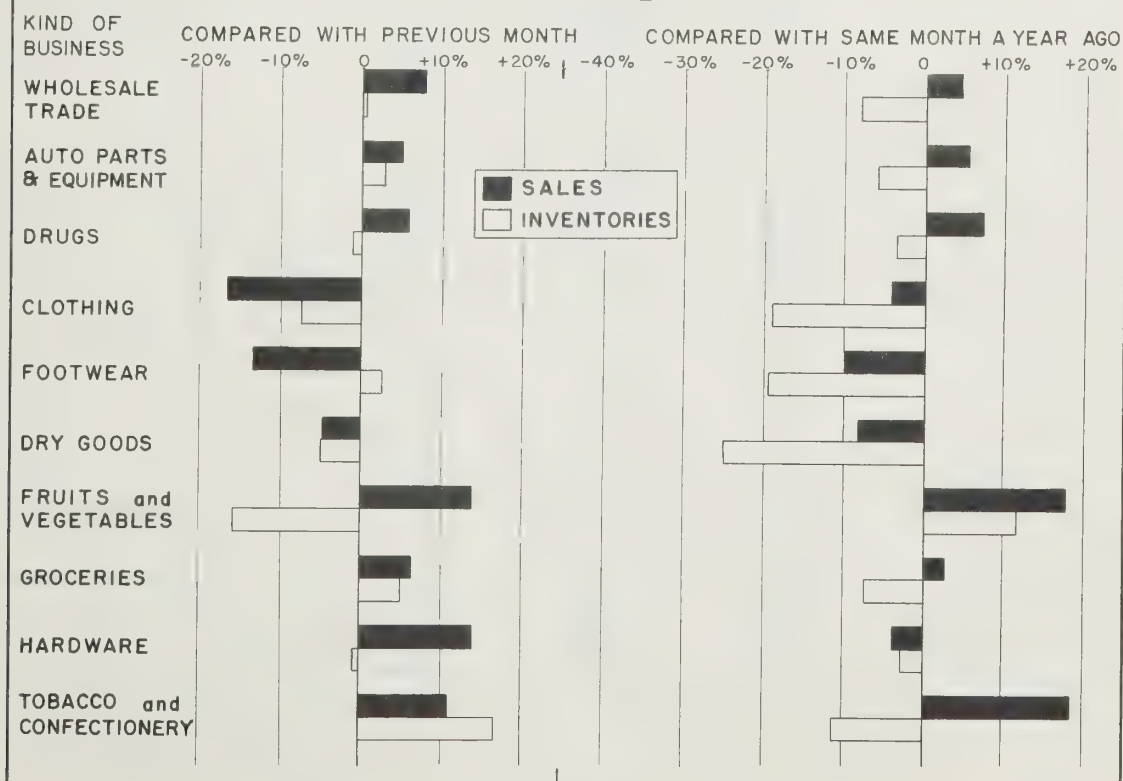
MAY 1952

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## PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SALES AND INVENTORIES

MAY 1952



### Sales Trends by Trades

May sales of wholesalers in the trades covered by this survey were 4% higher than in May last year. The greatest increase was registered by wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery and fruits and vegetables who reported a gain of 18% in sales over May 1951. Increased sales of 7%, 6%, and 2% were reported by wholesalers of drugs, auto parts and equipment, and groceries respectively. Wholesale sales of footwear with a decline of 10% registered the greatest drop from May last year. Wholesalers of dry goods reported a decrease of 8% in sales and both clothing and hardware sales were 4% lower than in the same period a year ago.

### Inventories

Inventories at the end of May were down 8% from the same date in 1951. Stocks of dry goods with a decline of 25% recorded the greatest drop from the end of May last year. Decreases in inventories were reported by all trades except fruits and vegetables. Stocks of fruit and vegetables were 12% higher than at the end of May a year ago.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
May 1951	264.0	270.1
April 1952	208.7	252.7
May 1952	198.3	250.1

**Wholesale Trade in Canada**  
**MAY, 1952**

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	May (P) 1952	April (R) 1952	May 1951	Sales %	Inventory %
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	389.8	361.7	372.6	+ 4.3	- 8.1
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	544.1	518.2	520.0	+ 5.5	- 5.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	595.0	425.6	633.7	- 6.1	
Ontario .....	508.3	517.8	459.2	+10.7	
Western Provinces.....	561.4	587.3	529.1	+ 6.1	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	388.7	367.7	362.6	+ 7.2	- 3.7
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	378.0	349.2	352.6	+ 7.2	
Western Provinces .....	424.2	429.4	395.7	+ 7.2	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	219.8	263.4	229.4	- 4.2	-19.2
<b>Footwear .....</b>	285.7	330.0	317.4	-10.0	-19.6
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	230.1	241.1	250.6	- 8.2	-24.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	213.3	241.4	231.8	- 8.0	
Ontario .....	256.2	238.3	272.5	- 6.0	
Western Provinces .....	231.8	243.2	259.3	-10.6	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	417.9	367.4	354.5	+17.9	+11.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	403.5	326.0	345.5	+16.8	
Ontario .....	448.6	443.2	384.4	+16.7	
Western Provinces .....	405.9	343.3	338.0	+20.1	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	329.3	309.4	319.5	+ 2.4	- 7.4
Maritimes .....	342.2	327.8	324.1	+ 5.6	
Quebec .....	235.9	211.3	259.8	- 9.2	
Ontario .....	328.1	326.5	315.8	+ 3.9	
Prairies .....	327.8	294.0	313.1	+ 4.7	
British Columbia .....	484.9	447.9	444.9	+ 9.0	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	505.3	444.1	525.2	- 3.9	- 2.6
Maritimes .....	428.6	427.6	433.8	- 1.2	
Quebec .....	407.6	375.3	444.0	- 8.2	
Ontario .....	558.3	535.8	587.7	- 5.0	
Western Provinces .....	537.5	430.1	545.7	- 1.5	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	490.3	442.0	416.0	+18.5	-11.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	447.9	484.5	395.3	+13.3	
Ontario .....	535.1	431.6	463.3	+15.5	
Western Provinces .....	461.6	390.8	342.7	+34.7	

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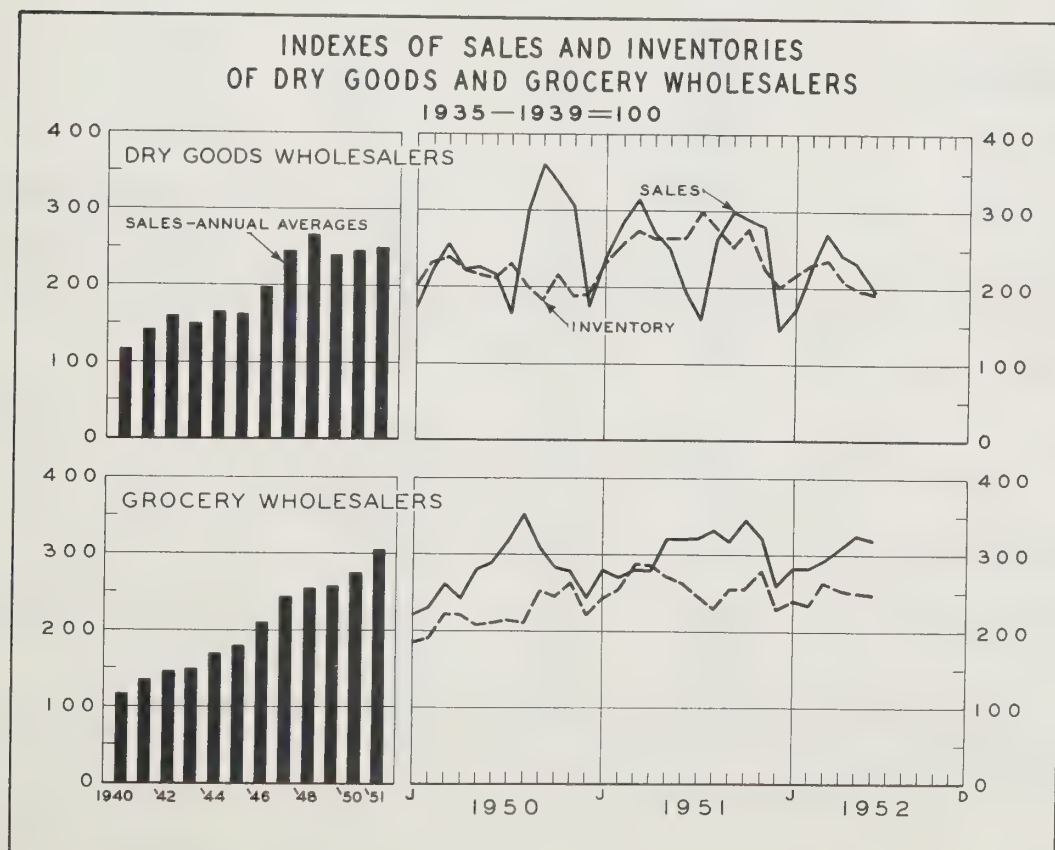
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WHOLESALE TRADE

JUNE 1952

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**Wholesale Trade in Canada**  
**JUNE, 1952**

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	June (P) 1952	May (R) 1952	June 1951	Sales %	Inventory %
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	<b>369.2</b>	<b>390.3</b>	<b>357.3</b>	<b>+ 3.1</b>	<b>- 6.8</b>
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	<b>588.2</b>	<b>546.5</b>	<b>504.2</b>	<b>+ 16.4</b>	<b>- 7.0</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	461.1	599.5	500.1	- 7.8	
Ontario .....	582.7	508.3	486.4	+ 19.8	
Western Provinces.....	690.7	566.1	534.6	+ 29.2	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	<b>336.7</b>	<b>390.0</b>	<b>312.8</b>	<b>+ 7.6</b>	<b>+ 4.4</b>
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	315.3	379.4	293.6	+ 7.4	
Western Provinces .....	407.9	425.4	376.6	+ 8.3	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	<b>226.7</b>	<b>213.8</b>	<b>203.3</b>	<b>+ 11.5</b>	<b>- 27.2</b>
<b>Footwear .....</b>	<b>233.0</b>	<b>287.2</b>	<b>236.5</b>	<b>- 1.5</b>	<b>- 18.3</b>
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	<b>195.2</b>	<b>229.9</b>	<b>195.8</b>	<b>- 0.4</b>	<b>- 26.5</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	202.0	213.3	203.8	- 0.9	
Ontario .....	207.7	255.6	193.9	+ 7.1	
Western Provinces .....	173.6	231.8	185.5	- 6.4	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	<b>403.6</b>	<b>419.8</b>	<b>339.9</b>	<b>+ 18.8</b>	<b>+ 11.2</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	419.2	400.4	337.8	+ 24.1	
Ontario .....	413.7	456.7	345.6	+ 19.7	
Western Provinces .....	380.1	407.3	337.0	+ 12.8	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	<b>319.1</b>	<b>329.5</b>	<b>321.2</b>	<b>- 1.2</b>	<b>- 5.3</b>
Maritimes .....	331.8	342.2	331.8	(2)	
Quebec .....	235.6	235.4	252.2	- 6.6	
Ontario .....	321.4	329.7	324.0	- 0.8	
Prairies .....	310.0	327.2	314.1	- 1.3	
British Columbia .....	465.4	484.9	439.1	+ 6.0	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	<b>461.1</b>	<b>505.3</b>	<b>481.7</b>	<b>- 4.3</b>	<b>- 2.2</b>
Maritimes .....	383.0	428.6	385.7	- 0.7	
Quebec .....	430.7	407.6	456.3	- 5.6	
Ontario .....	518.7	558.3	537.0	- 3.4	
Western Provinces .....	456.2	537.5	478.2	- 4.6	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	<b>443.3</b>	<b>491.0</b>	<b>432.6</b>	<b>+ 2.5</b>	<b>- 0.2</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	438.8	450.6	438.8	(2)	
Ontario .....	460.8	536.5	445.2	+ 3.5	
Western Provinces .....	410.7	456.8	392.3	+ 4.7	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

2. Unchanged

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.



## Sales Trends by Trades

June sales of wholesalers in the trades covered by this survey were 3% higher than in June last year. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables with increased sales of 19% recorded the greatest gain over June 1951. Sales of auto parts and equipment and clothing increased 16% and 12% respectively. Smaller gains of 8% and 3% respectively were reported by wholesalers of drugs and tobacco and confectionery. Sales of hardware with a decline of 4% registered the greatest drop from June 1951. Slight decreases in sales were also reported by wholesalers of footwear, groceries and dry goods.

## Inventories

Inventories at the end of June declined 7% from the same date last year. The greatest drop occurred in the clothing trade which reported a decline of 27% in stocks from the end of June 1951. Decreases in inventories were recorded in all trades except fruits and vegetables and drugs. Stocks of fruits and vegetables rose 11% while stocks of drugs were 4% higher than at the end of June a year ago.

## Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
June 1951	263.5	262.4
May 1952	198.5	249.0
June 1952	193.7	248.5





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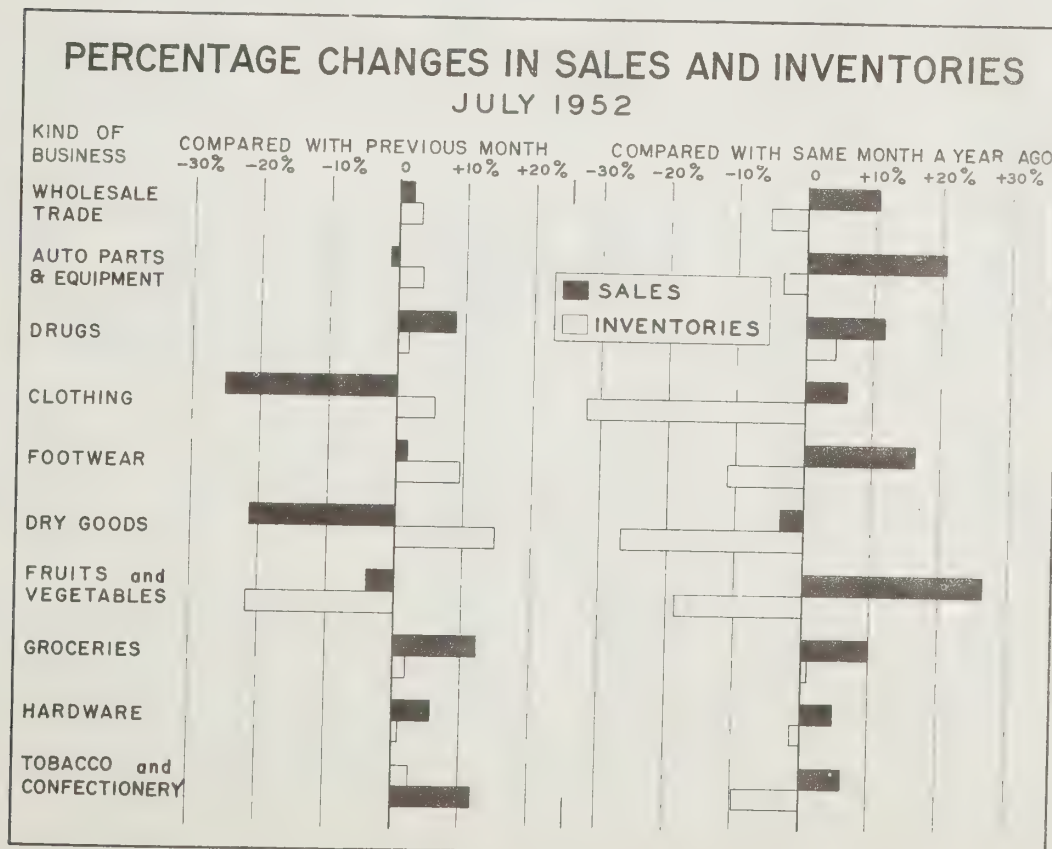
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# WHOLESALE TRADE

JULY 1952

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 376.0 for July 1952 compared with 338.7 for July a year ago and 368.5 for June 1952.





## Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales continued upward in July, with wholesalers in the trades covered by this survey reporting an increase of 10% over sales in July last year. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables again registered the greatest gain in sales - 26% over July 1951. Sales of auto parts and equipment and footwear increased 20% and 16% respectively. Wholesalers of drugs and groceries reported gains of 12% and 10%, while smaller increases of 6% and 5% were reported by wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, clothing, and hardware. Sales of dry goods, with a drop of 4%, registered the only decline in sales over July 1951.

## Inventories

Inventories at the end of July were 6% lower than at the same date last year. Clothing wholesalers, with a decline of 32%, recorded the greatest drop in stocks from the end of July 1951. Decreases in stocks were reported by all trades except drugs and groceries. Stocks of drugs rose 4% while grocery inventories were slightly higher than at the end of June last year.

## Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
July 1951	299.4	243.5
June 1952	189.7	248.5
July 1952	218.6	245.0

# Wholesale Trade in Canada

JULY, 1952

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	July (P) 1952	June (R) 1952	July 1951	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	376.0	368.5	338.7	+10.5	- 5.5
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	580.9	587.0	482.1	+20.4	- 3.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	503.4	461.1	433.6	+16.1	
Ontario .....	648.3	580.3	534.9	+21.2	
Western Provinces.....	534.6	690.7	436.8	+22.4	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	366.1	336.7	328.1	+11.5	+ 4.2
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	345.9	315.3	310.5	+11.4	
Western Provinces .....	433.3	407.9	386.9	+12.0	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	169.2	226.1	159.3	+ 6.2	-32.0
<b>Footwear .....</b>	237.3	233.0	203.9	+16.4	-11.2
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	152.4	194.0	157.7	- 3.5	-27.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	118.7	204.8	126.8	- 6.4	
Ontario .....	165.8	207.7	161.3	+ 2.8	
Western Provinces .....	191.2	165.3	201.0	- 4.9	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	388.4	404.5	308.3	+26.5	-18.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	323.3	421.9	248.3	+30.2	
Ontario .....	392.4	408.2	307.5	+27.6	
Western Provinces .....	447.7	384.5	366.7	+22.1	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	355.7	317.2	321.5	+10.0	+ 0.6
Maritimes .....	372.0	328.8	330.7	+12.5	
Quebec .....	253.0	235.1	258.4	- 2.1	
Ontario .....	362.2	316.9	318.0	+13.9	
Prairies .....	371.1	310.3	334.0	+11.1	
British Columbia .....	462.0	465.0	401.0	+15.2	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	437.0	462.7	418.3	+ 4.8	- 1.1
Maritimes .....	391.6	383.0	330.2	+18.6	
Quebec .....	429.8	430.7	395.4	+ 8.7	
Ontario .....	431.6	518.7	428.2	+ 0.8	
Western Provinces .....	450.8	459.6	438.1	+ 2.9	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	454.5	442.4	428.7	+ 6.0	- 9.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	420.7	438.8	420.7	(2)	
Ontario .....	480.2	458.6	446.3	+ 7.6	
Western Provinces .....	454.5	411.1	402.2	+13.0	

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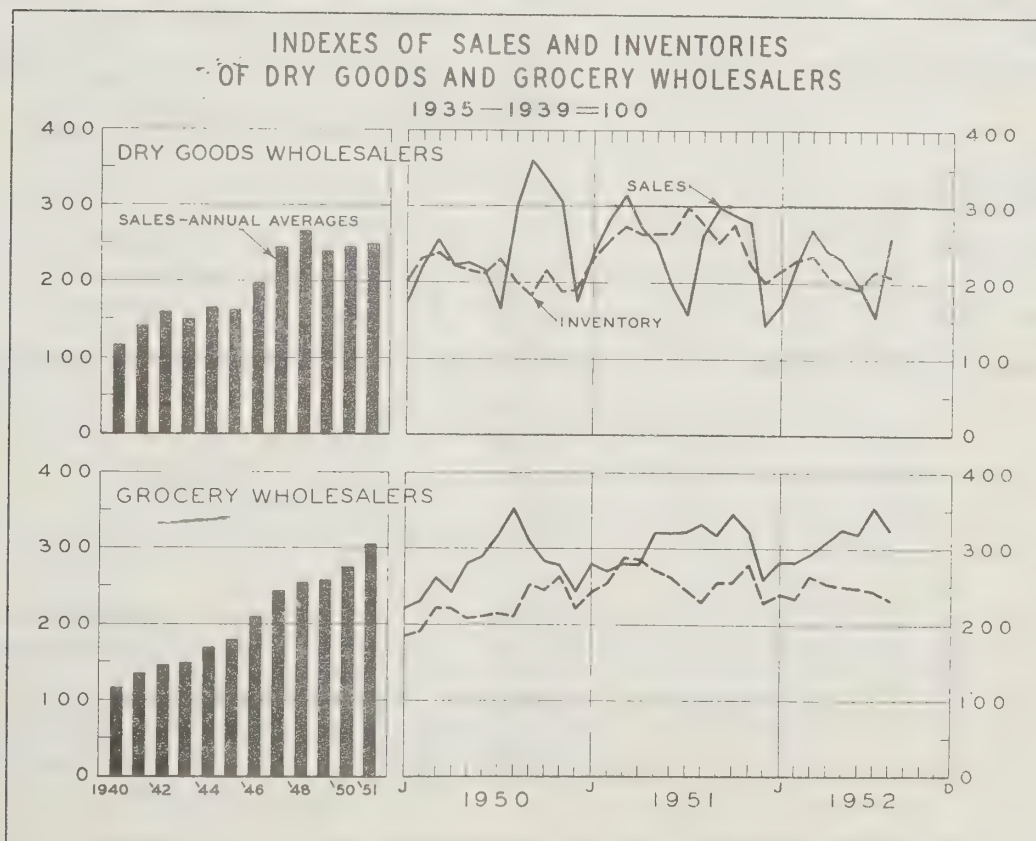
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

AUGUST 1952

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 367.7 for August 1952 compared with 384.6 for July 1952, but unchanged from August last year.



### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales in August 1952 remained unchanged as compared with sales in August last year, according to figures submitted by wholesalers in the nine trades covered by this survey. Wholesalers of auto parts and equipment registered the greatest increase in sales, 14% over August 1951. Sales of footwear and fruits and vegetables increased 9% and 5% respectively while a smaller gain of 2% was recorded by wholesalers of hardware. Tobacco and confectionery sales registered the greatest drop in sales-9% from August last year. Wholesalers of drugs and groceries both reported sales declines of 3%. Sales of dry goods and clothing dropped 2% and 1% respectively as compared with sales in August a year ago.

### Inventories

Inventories at the end of August were 4% lower than at the same date last year. Clothing wholesalers, with a decline of 36%, again reported the greatest drop in stocks from the end of August 1951. Stocks of fruits and vegetables and dry goods declined 26 % and 24 % respectively. Smaller declines were reported by wholesalers of footwear, auto parts and equipment, and hardware. Stocks of tobacco and confectionery were 10 per cent higher at the end of August 1952 than at the end of August last year. Slight gains in inventories were also reported by wholesalers of groceries and drugs.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	Dry Goods Wholesalers	Grocery Wholesalers
August 1951	275.2	228.1
July 1952	216.5	243.5
August 1952	207.8	232.7

# Wholesale Trade in Canada

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AUGUST, 1952

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	August (P) 1952	July (R) 1952	August 1951	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	<b>367.7</b>	<b>384.6</b>	<b>367.7</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>- 4.0</b>
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	<b>605.0</b>	<b>581.0</b>	<b>526.7</b>	<b>+ 14.4</b>	<b>- 1.4</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	522.4	500.8	478.8	+ 9.1	
Ontario .....	562.4	646.2	525.6	+ 7.0	
Western Provinces.....	731.8	540.3	563.8	+ 29.8	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	<b>354.9</b>	<b>366.2</b>	<b>364.4</b>	<b>- 2.7</b>	<b>+ 0.8</b>
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	338.4	345.9	352.1	- 3.9	
Western Provinces .....	409.7	433.7	405.2	+ 1.1	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	<b>259.5</b>	<b>170.5</b>	<b>262.9</b>	<b>- 1.3</b>	<b>- 35.8</b>
<b>Footwear .....</b>	<b>475.8</b>	<b>234.7</b>	<b>434.9</b>	<b>+ 9.4</b>	<b>- 9.2</b>
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	<b>258.5</b>	<b>155.0</b>	<b>263.0</b>	<b>- 1.6</b>	<b>- 24.5</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	209.6	121.3	213.0	- 1.6	
Ontario .....	282.9	165.8	279.0	+ 1.4	
Western Provinces .....	310.2	196.2	323.8	- 4.2	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	<b>313.1</b>	<b>387.8</b>	<b>303.3</b>	<b>+ 4.7</b>	<b>- 26.5</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	216.0	326.8	195.3	+ 10.6	
Ontario .....	295.5	388.1	282.8	+ 4.5	
Western Provinces .....	421.4	446.3	424.8	- 0.8	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	<b>323.8</b>	<b>355.8</b>	<b>332.6</b>	<b>- 2.9</b>	<b>+ 2.0</b>
Maritimes .....	345.2	372.0	344.2	+ 0.3	
Quebec .....	229.0	253.0	250.8	- 8.7	
Ontario .....	320.8	362.5	333.1	- 3.7	
Prairies .....	340.2	371.1	334.8	+ 1.6	
British Columbia .....	433.0	462.0	455.8	- 5.0	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	<b>449.6</b>	<b>436.5</b>	<b>439.1</b>	<b>+ 2.3</b>	<b>- 0.3</b>
Maritimes .....	385.6	391.6	382.2	+ 0.9	
Quebec .....	424.5	427.0	417.8	+ 1.6	
Ontario .....	413.6	431.6	410.7	+ 0.7	
Western Provinces .....	493.1	451.2	475.0	+ 3.8	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	<b>415.1</b>	<b>452.8</b>	<b>453.8</b>	<b>- 8.7</b>	<b>+ 9.8</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	364.5	420.7	426.3	- 14.5	
Ontario .....	462.5	478.0	489.9	- 5.6	
Western Provinces .....	394.9	451.3	418.8	- 5.7	

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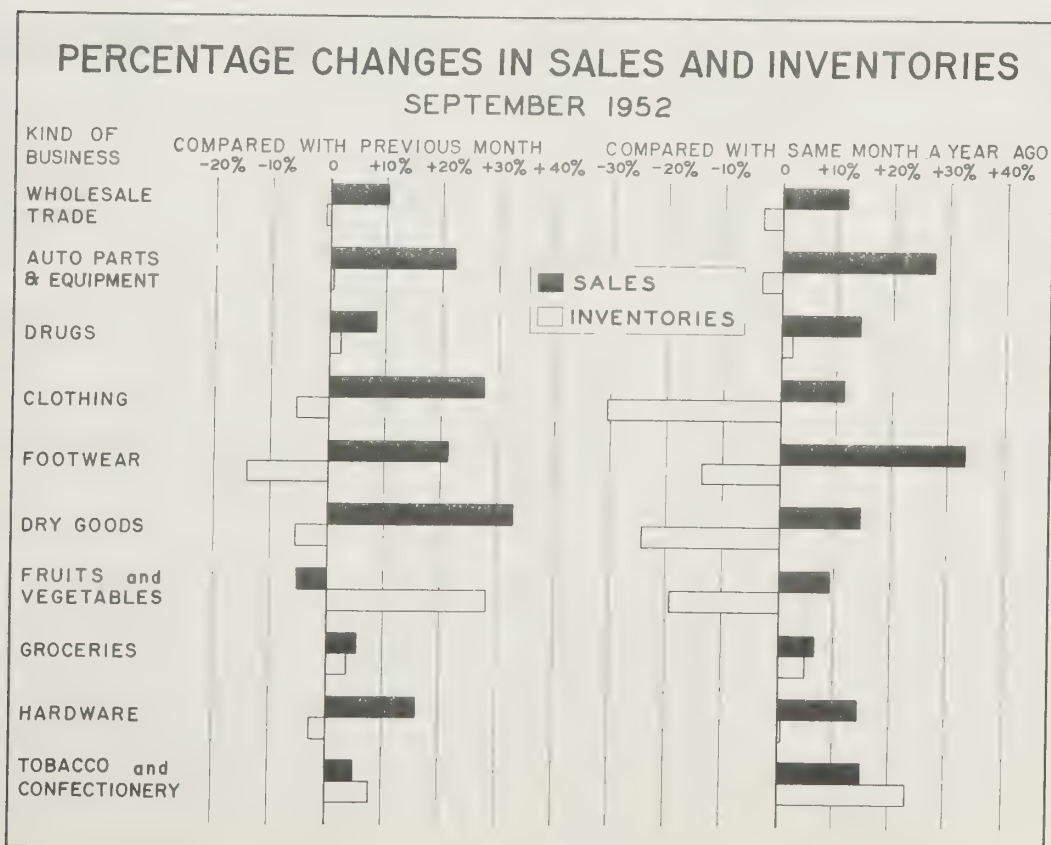
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

SEPTEMBER 1952

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### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales in the nine trades covered by this survey rose 12% in September 1952 as compared with September last year. All trades registered increased sales. Wholesalers of footwear recorded the highest increase - 33% over September a year ago. Sales of auto parts and equipment rose 27% while wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery reported a gain of 15%. Wholesalers of dry goods, hardware, and drugs registered increased sales of 14%. Smaller gains of 12%, 9%, and 6% were reported by wholesalers of clothing, fruit and vegetables, and groceries respectively.

### Inventories

Inventories at the end of September were 3% lower than at the same date last year. Clothing wholesalers continued to show the greatest drop in inventory registering a decline of 30% from the end of September 1951. Stocks of dry goods and fruits and vegetables held by wholesalers declined 24% and 19% respectively. Stocks of footwear were 14% lower while inventories of auto parts and equipment decreased 3%. Stocks of tobacco and confectionery were 23% higher at the end of September 1952 than at the end of September a year ago. Slight gains in inventory were also reported by wholesalers of groceries, drugs, and hardware.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
September 1951	191.8	266.7
August 1952	206.1	232.7
September 1952	253.0	255.0



## Wholesale Trade in Canada

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SEPTEMBER, 1952

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	September (P) 1952	August (R) 1952	September 1951	Sales %	Inventory %
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	<b>403.6</b>	<b>365.8</b>	<b>357.0</b>	<b>+ 11.8</b>	<b>- 3.2</b>
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	<b>732.2</b>	<b>598.8</b>	<b>574.0</b>	<b>+ 27.4</b>	<b>- 3.3</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	625.7	498.0	524.5	+ 19.3	
Ontario .....	729.9	560.8	562.3	+ 29.8	
Western Provinces.....	814.8	731.8	628.7	+ 29.6	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	<b>385.6</b>	<b>355.6</b>	<b>338.1</b>	<b>+ 14.1</b>	<b>+ 2.1</b>
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	384.5	339.4	342.4	+ 12.3	
Western Provinces .....	389.1	409.7	323.7	+ 20.2	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	<b>330.8</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>296.7</b>	<b>+ 11.5</b>	<b>- 30.5</b>
<b>Footwear .....</b>	<b>575.6</b>	<b>474.9</b>	<b>432.1</b>	<b>+ 33.2</b>	<b>- 13.6</b>
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	<b>342.5</b>	<b>257.8</b>	<b>299.2</b>	<b>+ 14.5</b>	<b>- 24.2</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	322.7	209.6	280.4	+ 15.1	
Ontario .....	352.8	280.1	306.0	+ 15.3	
Western Provinces .....	363.1	310.2	321.3	+ 13.0	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	<b>295.9</b>	<b>312.6</b>	<b>269.4</b>	<b>+ 9.1</b>	<b>- 19.0</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	202.1	216.6	191.2	+ 5.7	
Ontario .....	272.2	292.7	249.3	+ 9.2	
Western Provinces .....	406.2	421.8	361.7	+ 12.3	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	<b>339.2</b>	<b>321.8</b>	<b>317.4</b>	<b>+ 6.5</b>	<b>+ 4.6</b>
Maritimes .....	333.2	342.5	325.4	+ 2.4	
Quebec .....	268.4	222.2	253.2	+ 6.0	
Ontario .....	319.9	319.8	314.9	+ 1.6	
Prairies .....	352.0	340.2	314.6	+ 11.9	
British Columbia .....	496.0	433.0	434.7	+ 14.1	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	<b>521.3</b>	<b>449.6</b>	<b>458.1</b>	<b>+ 14.1</b>	<b>+ 0.4</b>
Maritimes .....	498.4	385.6	444.2	+ 12.2	
Quebec .....	549.0	424.5	482.4	+ 13.8	
Ontario .....	534.4	413.6	500.4	+ 6.8	
Western Provinces .....	503.1	493.1	423.5	+ 18.8	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	<b>429.9</b>	<b>409.4</b>	<b>374.0</b>	<b>+ 15.0</b>	<b>+ 23.0</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	416.2	364.5	367.0	+ 13.4	
Ontario .....	443.7	449.7	383.8	+ 15.6	
Western Provinces .....	422.3	395.3	363.4	+ 16.2	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

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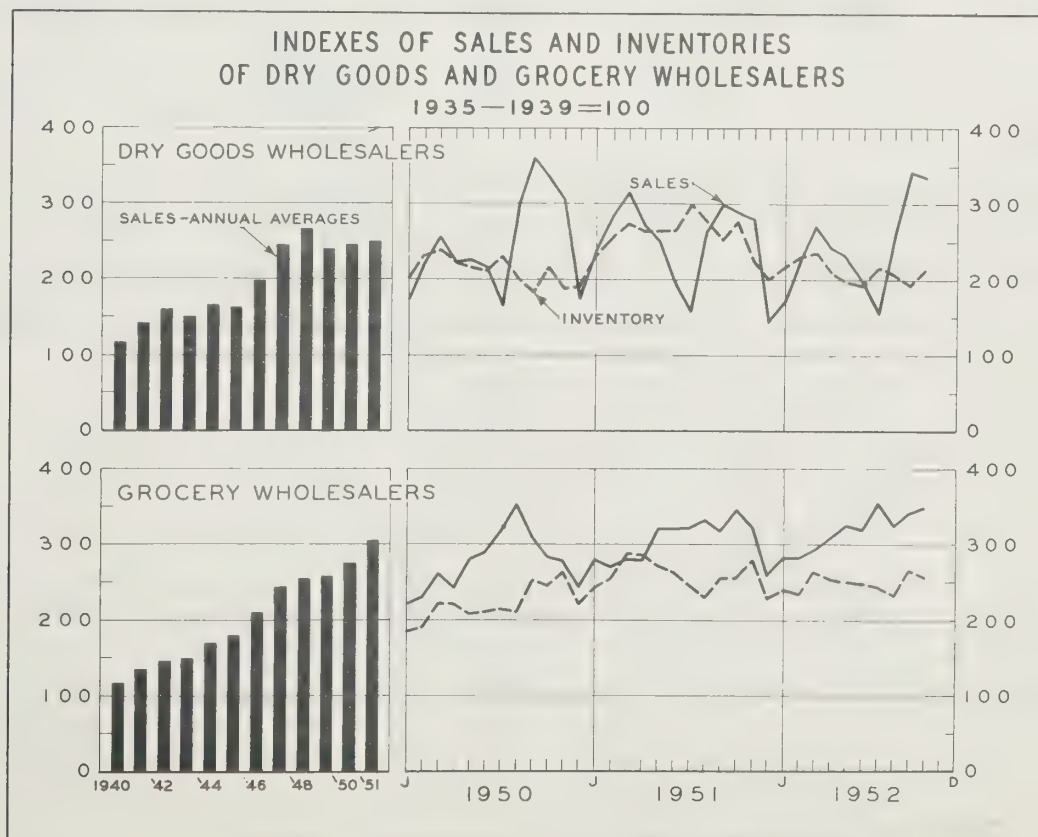
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

OCTOBER 1952

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 415.5 for October 1952 compared with 383.7 for October a year ago and 404.0 for September 1952.





Sales Trends by Trades

All nine trades surveyed contributed to the over all increase of 8% in sales over October 1951. The clothing trades showed the greatest gains over last year with footwear wholesalers again recording the highest percentage increase at 37%. Wholesalers of clothing reported a 34% gain in sales over October 1951 and other trade increases ranged downward to one of 0.6% for grocery wholesalers. For most trades, percentage gains in sales over last year were higher in the western provinces than in the other parts of the country.

Inventories

Inventories at the end of October, as for September, were 3% lower than at the same date last year. The clothing trades recorded the greatest drops in stocks with declines of 28% for clothing wholesalers, 23% for wholesalers of dry goods, and 12% for footwear wholesalers. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers showed a decrease of 5% in inventories. Nominal gains were recorded in the other trades except fruits and vegetables where the dollar value of inventories were 19% above last year's level.

Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
October 1951	277.4	255.0
September 1952	191.8	267.0
October 1952	214.7	257.0

# Wholesale Trade in Canada

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OCTOBER, 1952

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	October (P) 1952	September (R) 1952	October 1951	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	415.5	404.0	383.7	+ 8.2	- 2.6
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	681.8	730.9	580.1	+ 17.5	+ 2.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	662.7	625.7	556.9	+ 19.0	
Ontario .....	696.6	727.1	588.8	+ 18.3	
Western Provinces.....	673.1	814.8	583.8	+ 15.3	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	431.2	385.9	404.5	+ 6.5	+ 1.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	416.4	384.9	393.6	+ 5.8	
Western Provinces .....	480.4	389.1	440.7	+ 9.0	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	402.2	331.4	300.6	+ 33.8	- 28.2
<b>Footwear .....</b>	568.0	575.6	414.9	+ 36.9	- 11.9
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	336.1	343.1	289.0	+ 16.5	- 22.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	297.6	324.1	251.8	+ 18.2	
Ontario .....	368.5	352.8	315.5	+ 16.8	
Western Provinces .....	364.8	363.1	321.1	+ 13.6	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	324.4	295.3	262.3	+ 20.3	+ 18.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	207.2	202.1	202.3	+ 2.4	
Ontario .....	285.9	272.0	242.5	+ 17.9	
Western Provinces .....	469.8	404.7	336.8	+ 39.5	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	349.9	340.9	346.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Maritimes .....	373.4	333.5	361.5	+ 3.3	
Quebec .....	266.0	269.2	298.5	- 10.9	
Ontario .....	348.9	320.6	334.8	+ 4.2	
Prairies .....	335.8	353.9	332.1	+ 1.1	
British Columbia .....	503.7	503.4	473.0	+ 6.5	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	521.0	520.6	489.3	+ 6.5	+ 1.4
Maritimes .....	529.0	498.4	502.4	+ 5.3	
Quebec .....	541.0	549.0	495.4	+ 9.2	
Ontario .....	529.8	534.4	515.4	+ 2.8	
Western Provinces .....	504.4	501.4	469.2	+ 7.5	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	467.0	429.5	454.7	+ 3.2	- 5.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	471.5	419.8	499.5	- 5.6	
Ontario .....	477.4	441.0	447.0	+ 6.8	
Western Provinces .....	434.9	420.1	393.2	+ 10.6	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

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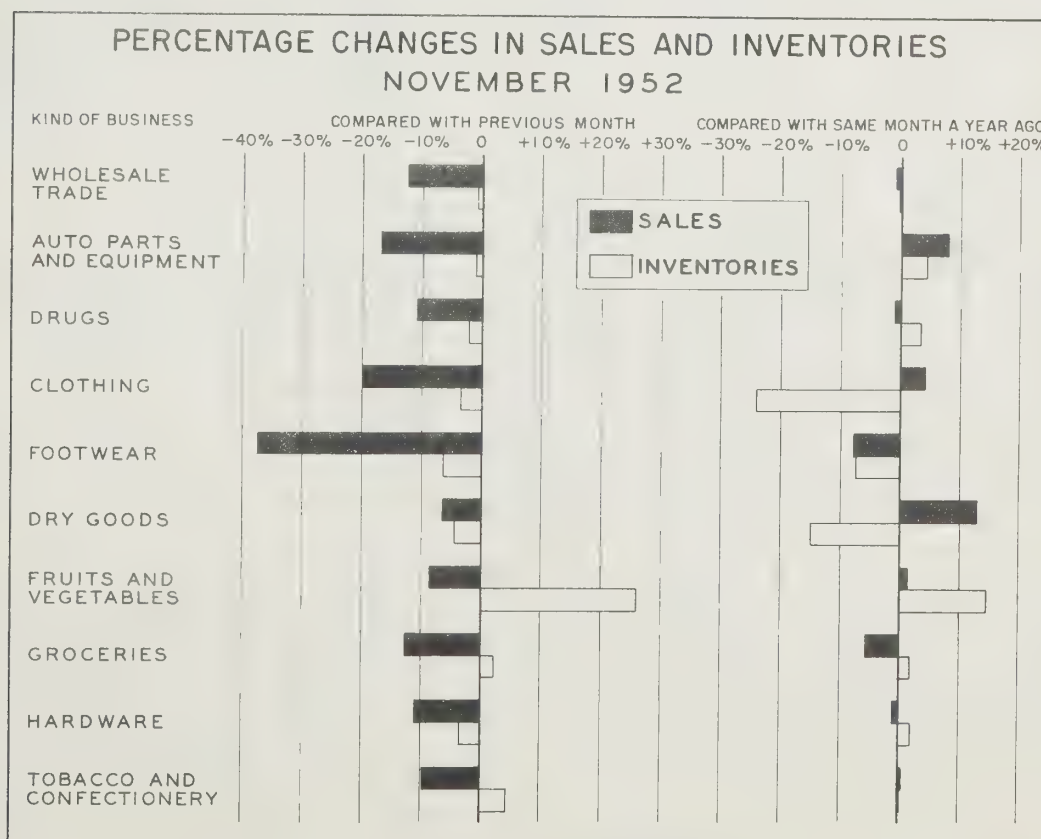
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

NOVEMBER 1952

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 362.6 for November 1952 compared with 364.4 for November a year ago and 414.1 for October 1952.



### Sales Trends by Trades

Sales for the nine trades covered in this survey were 0.3% lower in November this year than last year. The clothing and dry goods trades showed increased sales of 4% and 13% respectively; auto parts and equipment wholesalers 8% while fruit and vegetable and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers showed slight gains in sales. Four trades reported decreased sales with footwear the lowest at 8% below November 1951.

### Inventories

Inventories at the end of November were fractionally lower than at the same date last year. This decline was a result of reduced stocks held by the clothing trades. The greatest drop in inventories occurred in the clothing trade ( -24% ) with dry goods and footwear showing declines of 15% and 7% respectively. The other six trades reported slight increases in dollar value of inventories over November 1951.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
November 1951	223.0	278.5
October 1952	214.7	256.8
November 1952	190.0	283.5

## Wholesale Trade in Canada

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NOVEMBER, 1952

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	November(P) 1952	October(R) 1952	November 1951	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	362.6	414.1	364.4	- 0.8	- 0.1
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	564.8	678.5	523.4	+ 7.9	+ 4.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	530.8	655.5	497.0	+ 6.8	
Ontario .....	521.7	693.0	529.1	- 1.4	
Western Provinces.....	656.4	673.1	534.1	+ 22.9	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	384.3	431.2	387.9	- 0.9	+ 3.5
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	369.9	416.4	379.0	- 2.4	
Western Provinces .....	432.4	480.4	417.4	+ 3.6	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	322.8	403.7	309.8	+ 4.2	- 24.1
<b>Footwear .....</b>	353.1	565.9	382.6	- 7.7	- 7.3
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	314.5	336.0	280.8	+ 13.0	- 14.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	298.2	297.4	243.2	+ 22.6	
Ontario .....	321.4	368.5	314.8	+ 2.1	
Western Provinces .....	333.0	364.8	306.9	+ 8.5	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	292.3	319.9	288.6	+ 1.3	+ 14.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	220.1	207.2	223.2	- 1.4	
Ontario .....	275.6	288.1	285.3	- 3.4	
Western Provinces .....	376.1	455.4	354.5	+ 6.1	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	305.5	349.8	321.6	- 5.6	+ 1.8
Maritimes .....	326.5	373.1	336.9	- 3.1	
Quebec .....	228.6	266.0	261.6	- 12.6	
Ontario .....	293.3	346.2	319.5	- 8.2	
Prairies .....	305.0	336.4	314.8	- 3.1	
British Columbia .....	448.4	508.9	429.5	+ 4.4	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	464.9	522.5	470.6	- 1.1	+ 1.9
Maritimes .....	383.4	529.0	370.1	+ 3.6	
Quebec .....	507.1	540.5	502.1	+ 1.0	
Ontario .....	480.3	529.8	507.7	- 5.4	
Western Provinces .....	446.8	508.1	448.6	- 0.4	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	415.3	460.2	413.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	386.3	471.5	400.3	- 3.5	
Ontario .....	428.7	460.9	427.0	+ 0.4	
Western Provinces .....	435.8	438.4	405.4	+ 7.5	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

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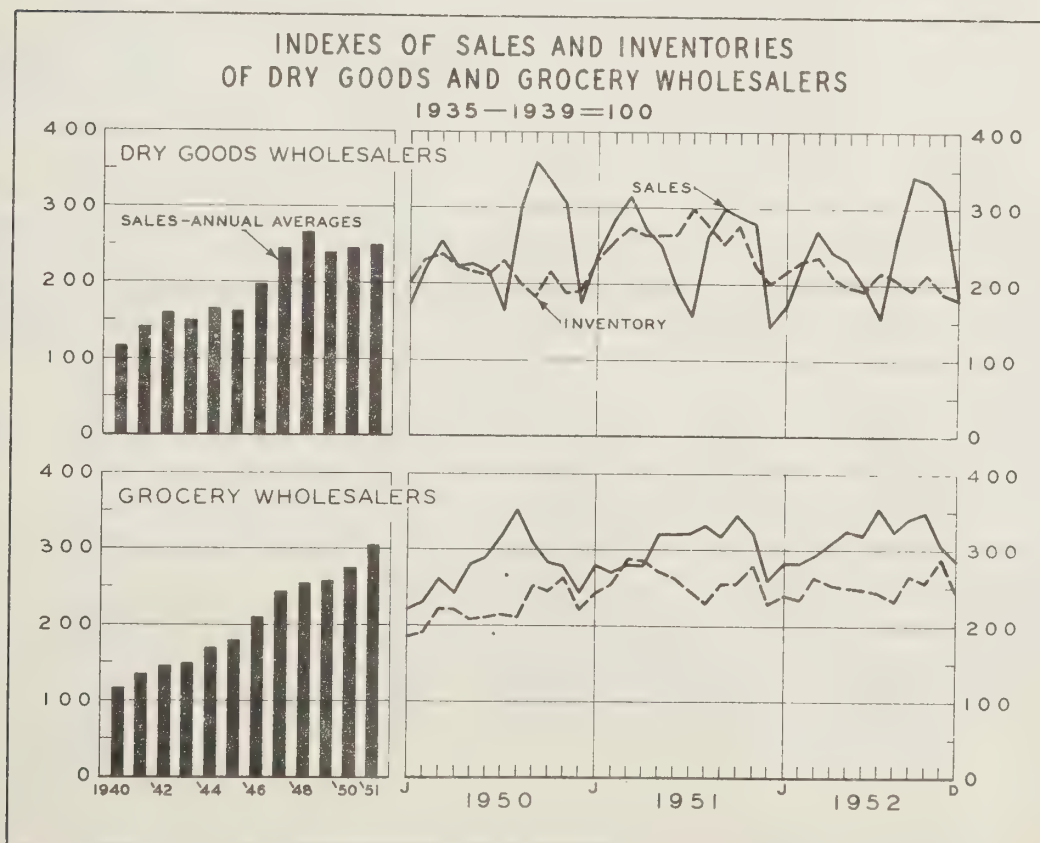
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

DECEMBER 1952

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 341.5 for December 1952 compared with 307.2 for December a year ago and 362.2 for November 1952.



Sales Trends by Trades

Increased sales during December 1952 in each of the nine trades covered by this survey, resulted in an overall gain of 12% compared with December 1951. Wholesalers of footwear recorded increased sales of 32% over December last year. Substantial gains of 28%, 25%, and 22% were reported by wholesalers of dry goods, clothing, and drugs respectively. The other five trades showed increased sales ranging from 15% to 2%.

Inventories

Inventories at the end of December 1952 were less than 1% lower than at the same date last year. Again the greatest drop occurred in the clothing trade where stocks declined 22%. Footwear and dry goods wholesalers reported decreased stocks of 21% and 9% respectively, while stocks held by hardware wholesalers declined 4%. Increases in inventory ranging from 16% to less than 1% were reported by the five other trades covered in this survey.

Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
December 1951	204.1	228.1
November 1952	190.0	287.4
December 1952	180.7	243.4



DECEMBER, 1952

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	December (P) 1952	November (R) 1952	December 1951	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	<b>341.5</b>	<b>362.2</b>	<b>307.2</b>	<b>+ 11.6</b>	<b>- 0.5</b>
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	<b>505.2</b>	<b>561.7</b>	<b>440.2</b>	<b>+ 14.9</b>	<b>+ 2.9</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	492.9	516.9	438.1	+ 12.5	
Ontario .....	545.1	521.7	476.1	+ 14.5	
Western Provinces .....	453.1	656.4	386.6	+ 17.2	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	<b>391.1</b>	<b>386.4</b>	<b>320.2</b>	<b>+ 21.9</b>	<b>+ 0.4</b>
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .....	371.5	372.6	309.6	+ 20.0	
Western Provinces .....	456.2	432.4	355.3	+ 28.4	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	<b>251.9</b>	<b>321.3</b>	<b>200.9</b>	<b>+ 25.4</b>	<b>- 21.9</b>
<b>Footwear .....</b>	<b>304.8</b>	<b>353.1</b>	<b>231.1</b>	<b>+ 31.9</b>	<b>- 20.8</b>
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	<b>186.9</b>	<b>314.5</b>	<b>145.1</b>	<b>+ 27.8</b>	<b>- 9.3</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	155.1	298.2	130.7	+ 18.7	
Ontario .....	184.4	321.4	151.4	+ 21.8	
Western Provinces .....	237.1	333.0	161.2	+ 47.1	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables .....</b>	<b>322.1</b>	<b>291.1</b>	<b>315.0</b>	<b>+ 2.0</b>	<b>+ 15.6</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	226.4	220.1	219.6	+ 3.1	
Ontario .....	303.5	271.6	311.0	- 2.4	
Western Provinces .....	429.9	376.1	410.2	+ 4.8	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	<b>283.9</b>	<b>305.8</b>	<b>259.1</b>	<b>+ 8.8</b>	<b>+ 6.7</b>
Maritimes .....	299.0	326.5	280.2	+ 6.7	
Quebec .....	215.6	227.9	221.8	- 2.8	
Ontario .....	297.9	294.9	274.1	+ 8.7	
Prairies .....	250.2	305.0	223.2	+ 12.1	
British Columbia .....	425.9	448.0	341.0	+ 24.9	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	<b>422.7</b>	<b>464.7</b>	<b>379.4</b>	<b>+ 11.6</b>	<b>- 3.6</b>
Maritimes .....	330.5	383.4	291.7	+ 13.3	
Quebec .....	410.2	507.1	377.0	+ 8.8	
Ontario .....	511.0	479.8	463.7	+ 10.2	
Western Provinces .....	393.1	446.8	346.3	+ 13.5	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	<b>465.8</b>	<b>413.6</b>	<b>431.5</b>	<b>+ 8.1</b>	<b>+ 12.0</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	480.3	391.5	465.0	+ 3.3	
Ontario .....	477.1	421.0	427.1	+ 11.7	
Western Provinces .....	414.0	435.8	382.3	+ 8.3	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.





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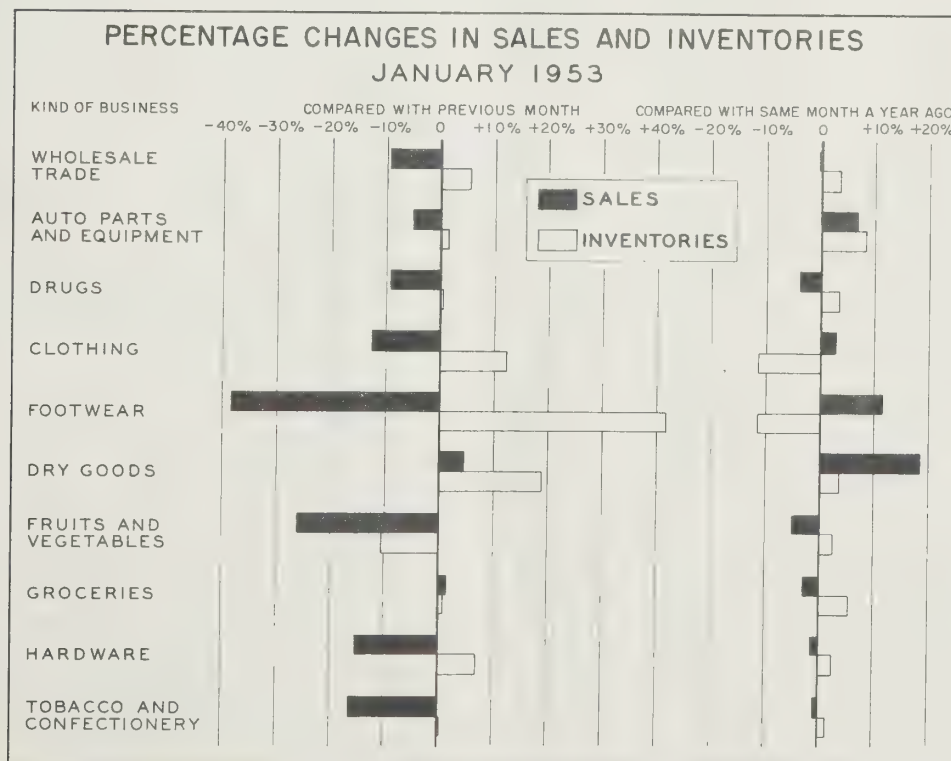
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

JANUARY, 1953

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 308.9 for January 1953 compared with 310.2 for January a year ago and 340.9 for December 1952.





### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales, in the nine trades covered by this survey, were fractionally lower in January 1953 as compared with January 1952. Decreased sales were reported by wholesalers of fruits and vegetables, drugs, groceries, hardware and tobacco and confectionery - 5%, 4%, 3%, 2% and 1% respectively. Sales of dry goods and footwear increased 19% and 11% respectively over sales in January last year, while sales of auto parts and equipment and clothing registered smaller gains of 7% and 3% respectively.

### Inventories

Inventories at the end of January 1953 were 3% higher than at the same date last year. All trades with the exceptions of clothing and footwear registered increased stocks ranging from 8% to 1%. Inventories of clothing and footwear were approximately 12% lower than at the end of January a year ago.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	Dry Goods Wholesalers	Grocery Wholesalers
January 1952	215.9	238.6
December 1952	184.3	243.2
January 1953	224.1	251.7

**Wholesale Trade in Canada**  
**JANUARY, 1953**

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Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	January (P) 1953	December (R) 1952	January 1952	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	308.9	340.9	310.2	- 0.2	+ 3.3
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	482.4	507.3	451.4	+ 6.8	+ 8.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	361.1	500.3	371.1	- 2.7	
Ontario .....	510.0	545.1	498.5	+ 2.3	
Western Provinces.....	529.8	454.3	438.6	+ 20.8	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	357.8	393.9	372.5	- 3.9	+ 3.5
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	356.4	375.2	365.9	- 2.6	
Western Provinces .....	362.6	456.2	394.6	- 8.1	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	216.6	247.9	210.7	+ 2.8	- 11.6
<b>Footwear .....</b>	186.7	303.4	167.6	+ 11.4	- 11.5
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	195.3	186.9	166.1	+ 18.6	+ 3.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	157.4	155.1	126.6	+ 24.3	
Ontario .....	216.1	184.4	198.3	+ 9.0	
Western Provinces .....	233.7	237.1	196.7	+ 18.8	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	238.2	322.4	250.3	- 5.0	+ 2.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	183.9	226.8	201.4	- 8.7	
Ontario .....	275.4	304.2	297.4	- 7.4	
Western Provinces .....	259.0	429.9	257.5	+ 0.6	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	286.7	282.7	292.8	- 2.9	+ 5.5
Maritimes .....	297.2	299.0	296.9	+ 0.1	
Quebec .....	168.8	216.9	190.5	- 11.4	
Ontario .....	286.3	297.9	301.7	- 5.1	
Prairies .....	304.7	250.7	299.0	+ 1.9	
British Columbia .....	440.9	411.2	429.7	+ 2.6	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	358.8	423.4	365.9	- 1.5	+ 2.3
Maritimes .....	273.9	330.5	242.8	+ 12.8	
Quebec .....	364.9	409.8	394.5	- 7.5	
Ontario .....	405.5	514.2	406.7	- 0.3	
Western Provinces .....	342.1	393.1	347.0	- 1.4	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	386.9	461.7	389.8	- 0.9	+ 1.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	341.7	480.3	362.4	- 5.7	
Ontario .....	406.8	468.1	403.2	+ 0.9	
Western Provinces .....	420.9	414.0	407.5	+ 3.3	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

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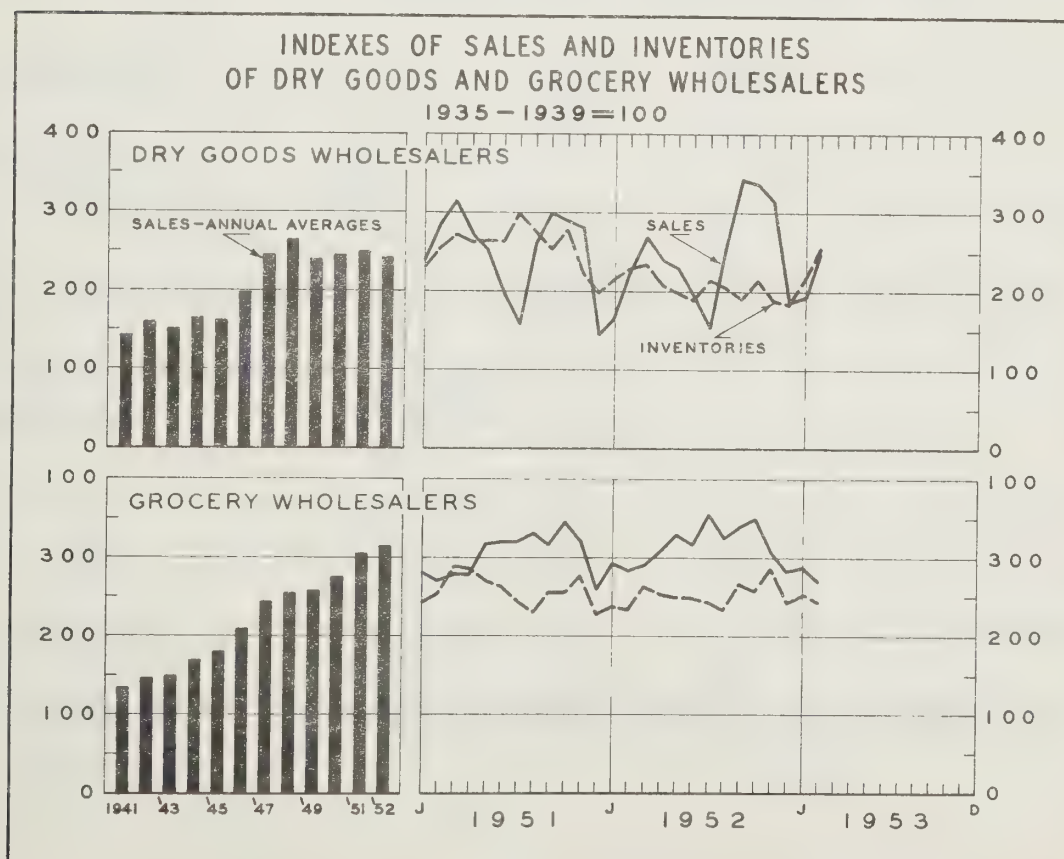
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

FEBRUARY, 1953

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 305.0 for February 1953 compared with 314.9 for February a year ago and 309.1 for January 1953.



### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales continued to decline in February 1953. Sales for the nine trades covered in this survey were 3% lower than in the same month last year. Decreased sales were reported by wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, fruits and vegetables, hardware, groceries, and drugs - 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, and 1% respectively. Sales of footwear were 13% higher than in February 1952. Wholesalers of auto parts and equipment and dry goods reported increased sales of 11% while clothing sales were 5% higher.

### Inventories

Stocks held by wholesalers were 4% higher at the end of February 1953 than at the same date last year. Higher inventories, ranging from 11% to 4% were recorded by wholesalers of dry goods, auto parts and equipment, groceries, and hardware. Stocks of footwear were 19% lower than at the end of February 1952, while stocks of tobacco and confectionery and clothing declined 9% and 7% respectively. Inventories of drugs and fruits and vegetables were only slightly lower than a year ago.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
February 1952	230.2	233.0
January 1953	219.8	251.7
February 1953	256.0	243.5

**Wholesale Trade in Canada**  
**FEBRUARY, 1953**

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Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	February (P) 1953	January (R) 1953	February 1952	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	305.0	309.1	314.9	- 3.3	+ 3.7
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	561.3	481.9	506.9	+ 10.7	+ 7.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	479.1	362.6	479.6	- 0.1	
Ontario .....	558.9	508.0	521.4	+ 7.2	
Western Provinces .....	625.8	530.3	504.7	+ 24.0	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	345.9	360.9	347.9	- 0.7	- 1.7
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .....	325.7	360.4	330.0	- 1.3	
Western Provinces .....	413.2	362.6	407.5	+ 1.4	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	241.9	215.3	230.6	+ 4.9	- 7.0
<b>Footwear .....</b>	341.9	189.6	303.6	+ 12.6	- 19.1
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	248.3	193.0	225.2	+ 10.6	+ 11.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	218.4	157.1	194.0	+ 12.6	
Ontario .....	284.9	216.1	268.5	+ 6.1	
Western Provinces .....	260.3	226.4	233.2	+ 11.6	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables .....</b>	252.2	238.5	273.4	- 7.6	- 1.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	242.4	183.9	252.5	- 4.0	
Ontario .....	237.6	275.7	281.9	- 15.7	
Western Provinces .....	274.1	259.6	286.4	- 4.3	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	271.0	288.1	283.9	- 4.8	+ 4.5
Maritimes .....	272.1	297.2	284.6	- 4.4	
Quebec .....	191.0	169.4	206.0	- 7.3	
Ontario .....	255.6	286.3	272.8	- 6.3	
Prairies .....	273.2	306.2	279.9	- 2.4	
British Columbia .....	448.9	449.0	461.8	- 2.8	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	336.2	359.0	357.3	- 5.8	+ 4.4
Maritimes .....	243.6	263.7	239.3	+ 1.8	
Quebec .....	304.3	364.9	321.3	- 5.3	
Ontario .....	390.5	405.5	405.1	- 3.6	
Western Provinces .....	336.2	344.2	367.0	- 8.4	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	315.6	383.7	364.0	- 13.5	- 9.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	274.4	341.7	345.2	- 20.5	
Ontario .....	345.3	400.0	383.7	- 10.0	
Western Provinces .....	319.4	420.5	351.4	- 9.1	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

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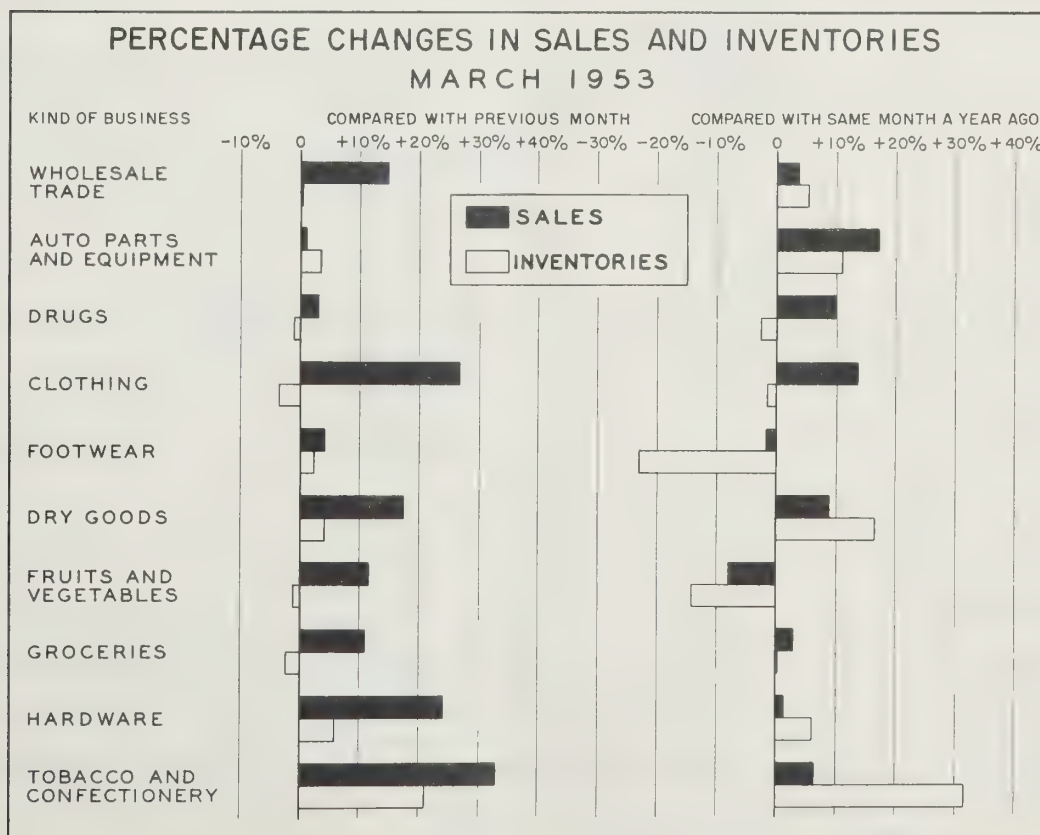
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WHOLESALE TRADE

MARCH, 1953

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 349.0 for March 1953 compared with 335.5 for March a year ago and 304.4 for February 1953.



Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales moved upward in March, sales for the nine trades covered in this survey being almost 4% higher than in the same month last year. Wholesalers of auto parts and equipment registered the greatest increase in sales, 17% above last year's March level, followed by wholesalers of clothing with an increase of 13%, drugs 10%, dry goods 9%, tobacco and confectionery 6%, groceries 3%, and hardware with 1%. Sales of fruits and vegetables declined 8% while sales of footwear were 2% lower than in March a year ago.

Inventories

Stocks held by wholesalers were 5% higher at the end of March 1953 than at the same date last year. Month-end inventories of tobacco and confectionery were 31% higher than a year earlier. Wholesalers of dry goods, auto parts and equipment, hardware, and groceries reported increased stocks of 16%, 11%, 6% and less than 1% respectively. Stocks of footwear were 23% lower than a year ago while stocks of fruits and vegetables declined 14%, drugs 3%, and clothing 2%.

Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
March 1952	234.1	264.0
February 1953	255.5	244.0
March 1953	272.5	264.5



## Wholesale Trade in Canada

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	March (P) 1953	February (R) 1953	March 1952	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	<b>349.0</b>	<b>304.4</b>	<b>335.5</b>	<b>+ 3.6</b>	<b>+ 5.3</b>
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	<b>563.2</b>	<b>556.8</b>	<b>479.6</b>	<b>+ 17.1</b>	<b>+ 10.7</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	421.7	461.4	429.9	- 1.9	
Ontario .....	639.4	558.9	484.0	+ 32.1	
Western Provinces.....	550.9	624.3	509.6	+ 8.1	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	<b>357.0</b>	<b>346.5</b>	<b>325.0</b>	<b>+ 10.0</b>	<b>- 2.7</b>
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	341.8	325.7	308.5	+ 10.8	
Western Provinces .....	407.4	415.7	380.0	+ 7.2	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	<b>308.6</b>	<b>243.5</b>	<b>271.9</b>	<b>+ 13.5</b>	<b>- 1.6</b>
<b>Footwear .....</b>	<b>355.1</b>	<b>340.9</b>	<b>361.2</b>	<b>- 1.7</b>	<b>- 23.1</b>
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	<b>293.3</b>	<b>249.5</b>	<b>270.1</b>	<b>+ 8.8</b>	<b>+ 16.4</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	279.3	221.0	247.8	+ 12.7	
Ontario .....	288.2	284.9	278.7	+ 3.4	
Western Provinces .....	318.9	260.3	296.1	+ 7.7	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	<b>282.3</b>	<b>252.9</b>	<b>307.2</b>	<b>- 7.9</b>	<b>- 14.0</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	259.8	242.4	288.0	- 9.8	
Ontario .....	297.5	239.3	341.9	- 13.0	
Western Provinces .....	291.0	274.4	296.3	- 1.8	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	<b>300.6</b>	<b>270.6</b>	<b>292.1</b>	<b>+ 2.7</b>	<b>+ 0.2</b>
Maritimes .....	309.3	272.1	337.3	- 8.3	
Quebec .....	207.6	189.1	217.8	- 4.7	
Ontario .....	286.3	255.6	278.2	+ 2.9	
Prairies .....	310.0	273.2	276.8	+ 12.0	
British Columbia .....	471.6	448.9	437.9	+ 7.7	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	<b>416.0</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>410.7</b>	<b>+ 1.2</b>	<b>+ 6.2</b>
Maritimes .....	336.6	243.6	312.2	+ 7.8	
Quebec .....	382.7	301.1	390.1	- 1.9	
Ontario .....	482.3	388.5	441.7	+ 9.2	
Western Provinces .....	407.7	336.2	419.0	- 2.7	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	<b>415.8</b>	<b>313.0</b>	<b>390.9</b>	<b>+ 6.4</b>	<b>+ 31.4</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	433.1	274.4	407.4	+ 6.3	
Ontario .....	404.8	339.2	384.8	+ 5.2	
Western Provinces .....	410.6	320.5	375.7	+ 9.3	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

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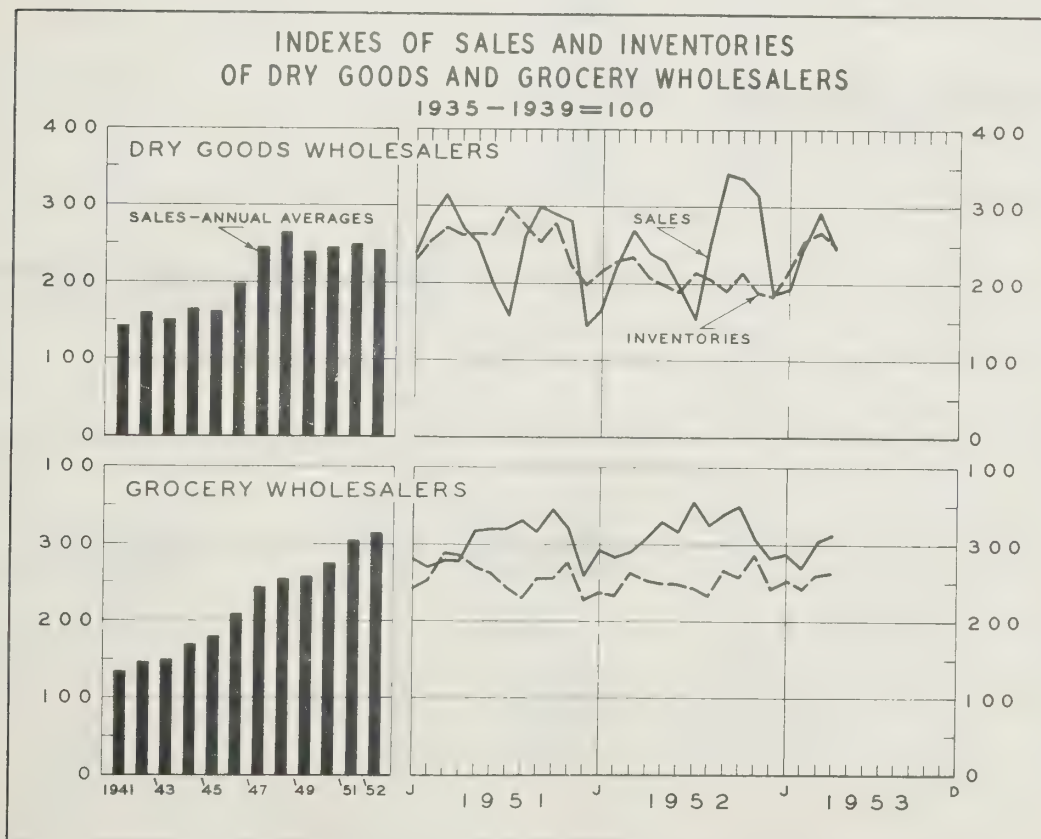
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# WHOLESALE TRADE

## APRIL, 1953

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 366.6 for April 1953 compared with 361.9 for April a year ago and 349.1 for March 1953.





### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales were only fractionally higher in April 1953 than in the same month last year, according to figures submitted by wholesalers in the nine trades covered in this survey. Sales of auto parts and equipment again recorded the greatest gain (14%), followed by footwear with an increase of 11%, drugs and hardware 5%, dry goods 3%, clothing and groceries less than 1%. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables recorded a decline in sales of 10% while wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery reported sales 5% lower than in April last year.

### Inventories

Stocks held by wholesalers were 7% higher at the end of April 1953 than at the same date last year. Substantial gains in month-end inventories were reported by wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, dry goods, and auto parts and equipment, 24%, 19% and 15% respectively. Smaller gains of 9%, 5%, and 4% were reported by wholesalers of footwear, groceries, and hardware. Stocks of clothing declined 9% from a year ago while stocks of fruits and vegetables were 7% lower and drugs 5%.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
April 1953	248.1	265.8
March 1953	272.5	264.5
April 1952	208.7	252.7

## Wholesale Trade in Canada

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	April (P) 1953	March (R) 1953	April 1952	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
Wholesale Trade <sup>1</sup> , Canada .....	366.6	349.1	361.9	+ 0.8	+ 6.9
Auto Parts and Equipment .....	592.9	562.7	516.9	+ 14.5	+ 15.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	459.6	421.7	425.6	+ 8.0	
Ontario .....	611.4	638.4	515.1	+ 18.7	
Western Provinces .....	663.1	550.9	587.3	+ 12.9	
Drugs .....	387.2	356.7	367.7	+ 5.5	- 4.8
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .....	373.6	341.5	349.2	+ 7.0	
Western Provinces .....	432.4	407.4	429.4	+ 0.7	
Clothing .....	265.8	301.3	263.4	+ 0.9	- 9.0
Footwear .....	366.0	366.2	330.0	+ 10.9	+ 9.0
Dry Goods .....	247.4	293.3	241.1	+ 2.6	+ 18.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	252.3	279.3	241.4	+ 4.5	
Ontario .....	241.9	288.2	238.3	+ 1.5	
Western Provinces .....	245.1	318.9	243.2	+ 0.8	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	329.8	283.6	368.2	- 10.1	- 7.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	282.0	259.8	328.3	- 14.1	
Ontario .....	379.4	298.1	443.2	- 14.4	
Western Provinces .....	334.0	294.2	343.3	- 2.7	
Groceries .....	313.2	300.7	309.7	+ 0.3	+ 5.2
Maritimes .....	318.6	309.6	327.8	- 2.8	
Quebec .....	205.5	207.6	213.2	- 3.6	
Ontario .....	299.1	286.5	326.5	- 8.4	
Prairies .....	314.6	310.0	294.0	+ 7.0	
British Columbia .....	533.4	471.6	447.9	+ 19.1	
Hardware .....	466.2	416.0	444.1	+ 5.4	+ 4.3
Maritimes .....	443.0	336.6	427.6	+ 3.6	
Quebec .....	414.7	382.7	375.3	+ 10.5	
Ontario .....	536.9	482.3	535.8	+ 0.2	
Western Provinces .....	456.3	407.7	430.1	+ 6.1	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	419.6	415.2	442.8	- 5.2	+ 24.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	450.1	433.1	484.5	- 7.1	
Ontario .....	419.4	404.0	433.3	- 3.2	
Western Provinces .....	365.8	409.5	390.8	- 6.4	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

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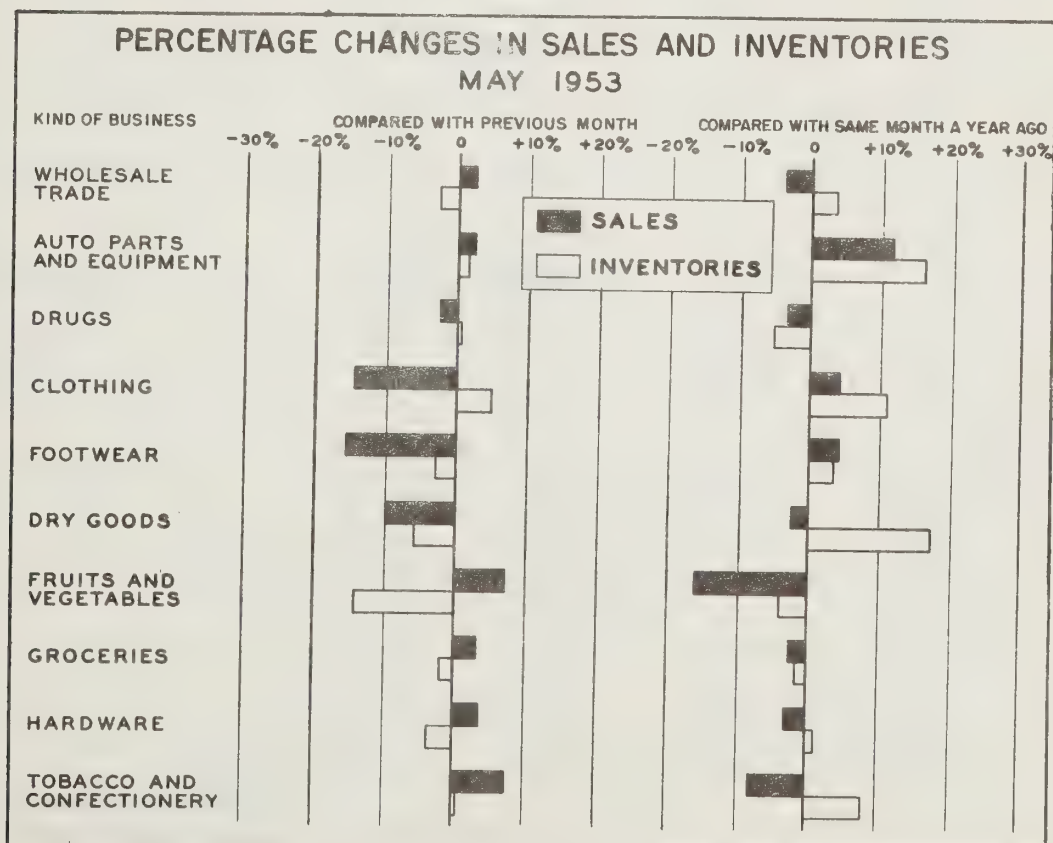
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## MAY, 1953

The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 375.2 for May 1953 compared with 390.5 for May a year ago and 366.5 for April 1953.



### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales, in the nine trades covered in this survey, were 4% lower in May 1953 than in the same month last year. Wholesalers in the majority of the trades reported decreased sales. Sales of fruits and vegetables declined 16% followed by tobacco and confectionery with a drop of 8%. Wholesalers of drugs, hardware and groceries all reported a 3% decline in sales, while sales of dry goods were 2% lower. Sales of auto parts and equipment recorded the greatest gain for the fourth consecutive month, May sales being 11% higher than last year. Wholesalers of clothing and footwear reported a smaller increase of 4%.

### Inventories

Stocks held by wholesalers were 3% higher at the end of May 1953 than at the same date last year. All trades with the exception of drugs, fruits and vegetables, and groceries reported increased stocks ranging from 1% to 17%. Inventories of drugs were 5% lower, followed by fruit and vegetables with 4% and groceries with a drop of 2%.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
May 1953	232.6	245.0
April 1953	247.5	262.3
May 1952	198.5	249.0

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	May (P) 1953	April (R) 1953	May 1952	Sales %	Inventory %
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	375.2	366.5	390.5	- 3.8	+ 3.4
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	606.7	592.3	545.3	+ 11.3	+ 16.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	615.5	457.1	597.6	+ 3.0	
Ontario .....	559.2	611.4	506.5	+ 10.4	
Western Provinces.....	673.1	663.1	566.1	+ 18.9	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	376.5	387.2	390.0	- 2.4	- 5.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	369.2	373.6	379.4	- 2.7	
Western Provinces .....	400.7	432.4	425.4	- 5.8	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	227.8	266.0	218.8	+ 4.1	+ 10.8
<b>Footwear .....</b>	299.0	354.4	287.2	+ 4.1	+ 3.3
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	223.7	247.9	229.9	- 2.4	+ 17.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	216.1	252.3	213.3	+ 1.3	
Ontario .....	231.1	241.9	255.6	- 9.6	
Western Provinces .....	228.6	246.8	231.8	- 1.4	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	352.6	329.5	421.5	- 16.2	- 3.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	333.2	279.4	404.9	- 17.7	
Ontario .....	360.2	380.3	457.1	- 21.2	
Western Provinces .....	364.9	334.7	407.3	- 10.4	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	322.0	312.7	329.7	- 2.7	- 1.6
Maritimes .....	335.4	318.3	342.2	- 2.0	
Quebec .....	225.6	206.8	236.2	- 4.5	
Ontario .....	313.5	302.0	329.7	- 4.9	
Prairies .....	321.0	308.4	327.2	- 1.9	
British Columbia .....	500.9	533.4	484.9	+ 3.3	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	485.6	468.8	505.1	- 3.2	+ 1.0
Maritimes .....	413.6	443.0	428.6	- 3.5	
Quebec .....	436.1	414.7	407.6	+ 7.0	
Ontario .....	527.0	547.1	557.7	- 5.5	
Western Provinces .....	498.8	456.3	537.5	- 7.2	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	451.2	419.6	491.0	- 8.2	+ 7.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	409.1	450.1	450.6	- 9.2	
Ontario .....	501.1	419.9	536.5	- 6.6	
Western Provinces .....	409.7	365.0	456.8	- 10.3	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

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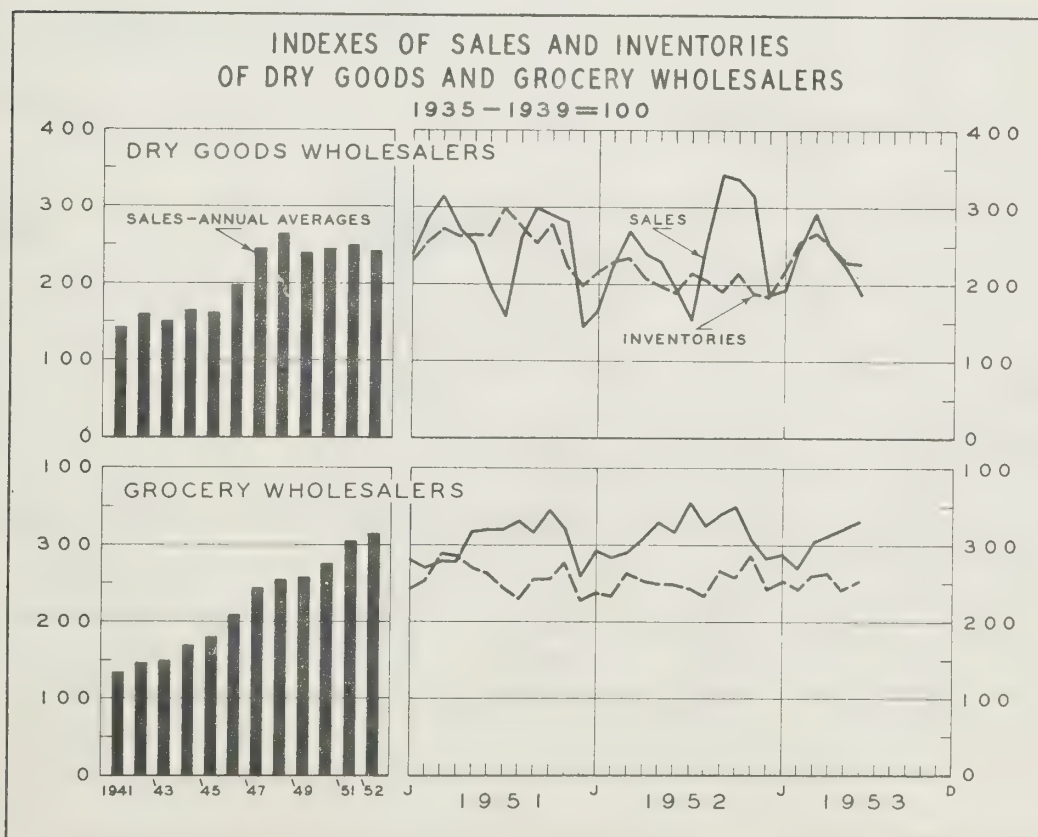
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# WHOLESALE TRADE

JUNE, 1953

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 378.9 for June 1953 compared with 368.5 for June a year ago and 375.9 for May 1953.



Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales moved upward in June, sales for the nine trades covered in this survey being 2% higher than in the same month last year. Wholesalers of auto parts and equipment again reported the greatest gain in sales - 8% above June last year. Sales of drugs and hardware were 7% higher, followed by sales of groceries with an increase of 5%. Wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery and clothing recorded smaller gains of 2% and 1% respectively. Sales of fruits and vegetables with a decline of 10% registered the greatest drop. Dry goods sales declined 4% and footwear 3%.

Inventories

Stocks held by wholesalers were 4% higher at the end of June 1953 than at the same date last year. Higher inventories, ranging from less than 1% to 21%, were reported by all trades with the exceptions of fruits and vegetables and drugs. Stocks held by fruit and vegetable wholesalers were 6% lower, while stocks of drugs declined 4%.

Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
June 1953	229.9	253.0
May 1953	232.8	242.5
June 1952	189.7	248.5



Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	June (P) 1953	May (R) 1953	June 1952	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada</b> .....	<b>378.9</b>	<b>375.9</b>	<b>368.5</b>	<b>+ 2.4</b>	<b>+ 4.4</b>
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment</b> .....	<b>628.0</b>	<b>599.4</b>	<b>583.9</b>	<b>+ 7.6</b>	<b>+ 14.6</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	469.1	585.6	458.6	+ 2.3	
Ontario .....	654.8	558.2	574.9	+ 13.9	
Western Provinces.....	704.5	673.1	690.7	+ 2.0	
<b>Drugs</b> .....	<b>359.8</b>	<b>376.7</b>	<b>336.0</b>	<b>+ 7.2</b>	<b>- 3.5</b>
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .....	338.3	369.5	314.4	+ 7.6	
Western Provinces .....	431.2	400.7	407.9	+ 5.7	
<b>Clothing</b> .....	<b>229.0</b>	<b>228.2</b>	<b>226.1</b>	<b>+ 1.3</b>	<b>+ 20.2</b>
<b>Footwear</b> .....	<b>225.5</b>	<b>299.0</b>	<b>233.0</b>	<b>- 3.2</b>	<b>+ 13.4</b>
<b>Dry Goods</b> .....	<b>186.4</b>	<b>222.2</b>	<b>194.2</b>	<b>- 3.7</b>	<b>+ 21.2</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	194.4	212.7	204.8	- 5.1	
Ontario .....	193.2	231.1	208.6	- 7.4	
Western Provinces .....	168.1	228.6	165.3	+ 1.7	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables</b> .....	<b>364.6</b>	<b>355.7</b>	<b>405.9</b>	<b>- 10.1</b>	<b>- 5.9</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	372.8	333.2	426.0	- 12.5	
Ontario .....	364.5	361.1	408.2	- 10.7	
Western Provinces .....	356.8	372.7	384.5	- 7.2	
<b>Groceries</b> .....	<b>333.6</b>	<b>323.4</b>	<b>317.2</b>	<b>+ 4.7</b>	<b>+ 1.8</b>
Maritimes .....	339.3	335.4	328.8	+ 3.2	
Quebec .....	238.6	225.3	235.1	+ 1.5	
Ontario .....	329.6	315.2	316.9	+ 4.0	
Prairies .....	327.7	324.9	310.3	+ 5.6	
British Columbia .....	519.9	500.9	465.0	+ 11.8	
<b>Hardware</b> .....	<b>492.9</b>	<b>485.6</b>	<b>462.6</b>	<b>+ 6.6</b>	<b>+ 0.3</b>
Maritimes .....	417.5	413.6	383.0	+ 9.0	
Quebec .....	467.9	436.1	428.5	+ 9.2	
Ontario .....	550.1	527.0	520.4	+ 5.7	
Western Provinces .....	484.9	498.8	459.6	+ 5.5	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery</b> .....	<b>450.9</b>	<b>451.7</b>	<b>442.4</b>	<b>+ 2.0</b>	<b>+ 1.9</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	458.1	410.0	438.8	+ 4.4	
Ontario .....	459.5	501.1	458.6	+ 0.2	
Western Provinces .....	418.1	410.7	411.1	+ 1.7	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.







### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales were only fractionally higher in July 1953 than in the same month last year, according to figures submitted by wholesalers in the nine trades covered in this survey. Wholesalers of hardware, with sales 6% above July last year, reported the greatest gain. Sales of dry goods, drugs, and groceries were all 2% higher. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables, with a decline of 9% in sales, recorded the greatest drop. Footwear sales were 4% lower, followed by tobacco and confectionery sales which declined 2%. Wholesalers of clothing and of auto parts and equipment registered a 1% drop in sales volume.

### Inventories

The dollar value of stocks held by wholesalers was 3% higher at the end of July 1953 than at the same date last year. Clothing wholesalers reported increased stocks of 24%, inventories of dry goods were 21% higher, while stocks of footwear and auto parts and equipment increased 13% and 11% respectively. Inventories of groceries were only fractionally higher than at the end of July 1952. Decreased stocks, ranging from less than 1% to 16%, were reported by wholesalers of hardware, fruits and vegetables, drugs, tobacco and confectionery.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
July 1953	262.2	245.2
June 1953	229.0	253.0
July 1952	216.5	243.5

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	July (P) 1953	June (R) 1953	July 1952	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
Wholesale Trade <sup>1</sup> , Canada .....	379.5	379.8	376.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.9
Auto Parts and Equipment .....	575.3	632.6	578.2	- 1.1	+ 11.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	427.6	484.7	492.6	- 13.2	
Ontario .....	667.2	657.1	644.0	+ 3.6	
Western Provinces .....	543.5	704.5	540.3	+ 0.6	
Drugs .....	374.5	359.8	366.9	+ 2.0	- 5.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .....	351.7	338.3	346.8	+ 1.4	
Western Provinces .....	450.2	431.2	433.7	+ 3.8	
Clothing .....	171.3	229.3	173.0	- 1.0	+ 24.0
Footwear .....	225.8	225.5	234.7	- 3.8	+ 13.1
Dry Goods .....	161.1	186.4	155.3	+ 2.3	+ 21.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	118.9	194.2	121.3	- 2.0	
Ontario .....	154.8	193.2	166.6	- 7.1	
Western Provinces .....	230.3	168.6	196.2	+ 17.4	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	356.7	366.4	388.6	- 8.8	- 4.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	286.1	374.0	328.5	- 12.9	
Ontario .....	344.8	365.3	388.7	- 11.3	
Western Provinces .....	434.7	359.9	446.3	- 2.6	
Groceries .....	365.0	334.4	356.0	+ 1.9	+ 0.7
Maritimes .....	368.3	339.3	372.0	- 1.0	
Quebec .....	241.1	239.8	253.0	- 4.7	
Ontario .....	369.0	331.2	363.2	+ 1.6	
Prairies .....	392.3	328.0	371.1	+ 5.7	
British Columbia .....	505.4	520.3	462.0	+ 9.4	
Hardware .....	464.5	493.2	436.8	+ 6.3	- 0.5
Maritimes .....	397.5	419.4	391.6	+ 1.5	
Quebec .....	444.1	466.6	427.0	+ 4.0	
Ontario .....	483.5	552.1	432.9	+ 11.7	
Western Provinces .....	474.7	484.9	451.2	+ 5.2	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	445.9	451.0	452.8	- 1.6	- 16.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	411.0	458.1	420.7	- 2.3	
Ontario .....	469.9	459.5	478.0	- 1.7	
Western Provinces .....	451.8	418.5	451.3	+ 0.1	

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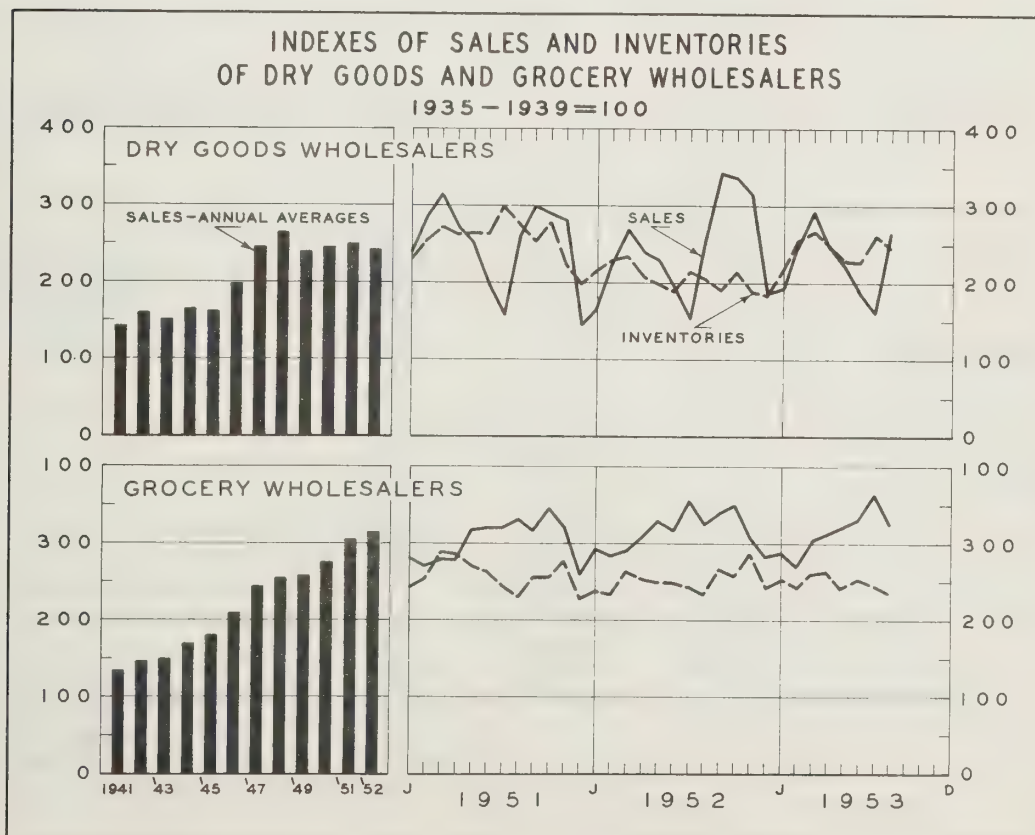
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## WHOLESALE TRADE

### AUGUST, 1953

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### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales continued fractionally higher in August 1953 than in the same month a year ago, according to figures submitted by wholesalers in the nine trades covered in this survey. All trades, with the exception of tobacco and confectionery and fruits and vegetables reported increased sales. Wholesalers of clothing reported sales 9% above August last year, sales of dry goods increased 4% while sales of both drugs and auto parts and equipment were 3% higher. Wholesalers of footwear and groceries reported fractional increases. Sales of tobacco and confectionery and fruits and vegetables declined 2% and 1% respectively.

### Inventories

Stocks held by wholesalers were valued 4% higher at the end of August 1953 than at the same date last year. Month end inventories of clothing and dry goods increased 32% and 19% respectively. Stocks of footwear were 12% higher, inventories of auto parts and equipment and fruits and vegetables increased 9% and 8% respectively, while a smaller increase of 1% in stocks was reported by wholesalers of groceries and hardware. Tobacco and confectionery stocks declined 2%, while stocks of drugs were 3% lower than at the end of August 1952.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year

Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories  
(Average for 1935-1939=100)

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	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
August 1953	245.9	235.2
July 1953	262.2	245.2
August 1952	206.1	232.4

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Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	August (P) 1953	July (R) 1953	August 1952	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	370.0	379.5	366.9	+ 0.8	+ 4.5
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	612.6	572.4	599.0	+ 2.7	+ 9.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	474.6	427.6	498.0	- 4.7	
Ontario .....	620.2	666.5	561.3	+ 10.5	
Western Provinces.....	703.3	534.9	731.8	- 3.9	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	367.4	375.8	356.5	+ 3.0	- 3.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	349.0	353.4	340.5	+ 2.5	
Western Provinces .....	428.5	450.2	409.7	+ 4.6	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	282.5	168.8	259.2	+ 9.0	+ 32.4
<b>Footwear .....</b>	477.3	227.0	474.9	+ 0.5	+ 11.9
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	266.3	161.1	257.8	+ 3.8	+ 19.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	224.3	118.9	209.6	+ 7.0	
Ontario .....	287.3	154.9	280.1	+ 2.6	
Western Provinces .....	310.5	230.3	310.2	+ 0.1	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	313.1	357.3	313.3	- 0.8	+ 7.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	213.2	286.5	218.7	- 2.5	
Ontario .....	281.0	343.2	292.7	- 4.0	
Western Provinces .....	436.6	437.4	421.8	+ 3.5	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	327.2	365.0	324.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Maritimes .....	352.9	366.8	358.3	- 1.5	
Quebec .....	219.0	245.7	223.5	- 2.0	
Ontario .....	321.1	366.5	319.8	+ 0.4	
Prairies .....	341.5	392.6	341.2	+ 0.1	
British Columbia .....	468.2	505.0	433.9	+ 7.9	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	452.6	464.6	449.3	+ 1.0	+ 1.1
Maritimes .....	403.3	397.5	385.6	+ 4.6	
Quebec .....	449.5	444.5	424.5	+ 5.9	
Ontario .....	417.7	483.5	414.8	+ 0.7	
Western Provinces .....	481.8	474.7	491.6	- 2.0	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	398.9	446.3	408.9	- 2.4	- 2.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	354.3	411.0	364.5	- 2.8	
Ontario .....	435.2	469.9	448.7	- 3.0	
Western Provinces .....	393.7	454.0	395.3	- 0.4	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

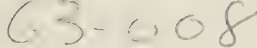
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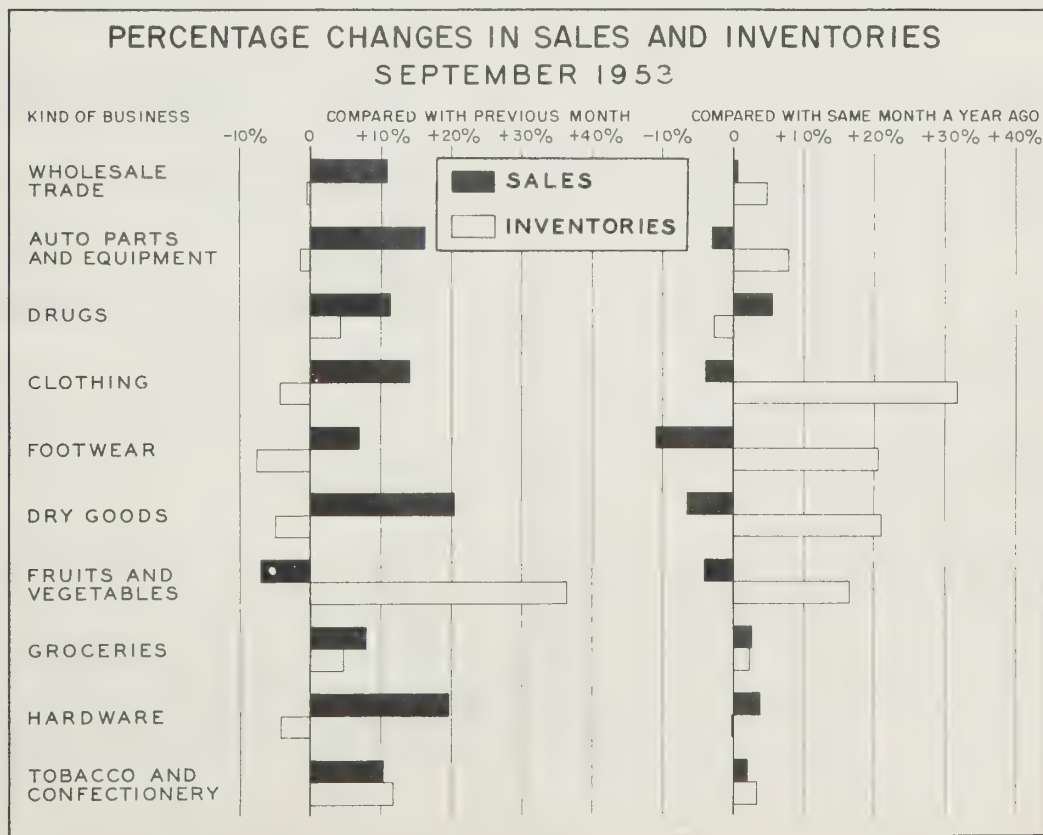
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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 408.8 for September 1953 compared with 404.1 for September a year ago and 369.4 for August 1953.



### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales continued fractionally higher in September 1953 than in the same month last year according to figures submitted by wholesalers in the nine trades covered in this survey. Sales of drugs were 5% higher than in September 1952 followed by hardware with an increase of 4%, groceries 3% and tobacco and confectionery 2%. Wholesalers of footwear reported decreased sales of 11%, sales of dry goods dropped 7%, while both fruit and vegetable and clothing sales declined 4%. Sales of auto parts and equipment were 3% lower than in September 1952.

### Inventories

The dollar value of stocks held by wholesalers was 5% higher at the end of September 1953 than at the same date last year. Month end inventories of clothing and dry goods increased 32% and 21% respectively. Stocks of footwear were 20% higher, while fruit and vegetable and auto parts and equipment inventories increased 16% and 8% respectively. Smaller gains of 3% and 2% were reported by wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery and groceries. Stocks of drugs declined 3%, while hardware stocks were fractionally lower than at the end of September a year ago.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Number of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
September 1953	232.1	273.4
August 1953	246.5	236.1
September 1952	191.8	267.0



Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	September (P) 1953	August (R) 1953	September 1952	Sales	Inventory
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<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	408.8	369.4	404.1	+ 0.6	+ 4.8
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	711.2	612.6	731.6	- 3.0	+ 7.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	555.0	474.6	627.8	- 11.6	
Ontario .....	747.2	620.2	727.6	+ 2.7	
Western Provinces.....	771.6	703.3	814.8	- 5.3	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	407.2	365.7	385.9	+ 5.5	- 2.8
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	407.2	346.6	384.9	+ 5.8	
Western Provinces .....	407.4	429.4	389.1	+ 4.7	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	318.1	278.9	331.4	- 4.0	+ 31.8
<b>Footwear .....</b>	512.3	479.2	575.6	- 11.0	+ 20.5
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	320.0	266.3	343.1	- 6.7	+ 21.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	307.9	224.3	324.1	- 5.0	
Ontario .....	327.4	287.3	352.8	- 7.2	
Western Provinces .....	331.5	310.5	363.1	- 8.7	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	289.6	310.9	295.6	- 4.1	+ 16.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	177.8	212.8	203.2	- 12.5	
Ontario .....	258.9	278.4	272.0	- 4.8	
Western Provinces .....	423.3	432.8	404.7	+ 4.6	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	352.9	327.0	340.9	+ 2.6	+ 2.4
Maritimes .....	335.8	352.9	333.5	+ 0.7	
Quebec .....	246.3	218.8	269.2	- 8.5	
Ontario .....	334.4	320.8	320.6	+ 4.3	
Prairies .....	374.4	340.5	353.9	+ 5.8	
British Columbia .....	565.8	469.0	503.4	+ 12.4	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	541.9	452.7	520.9	+ 3.9	- 0.1
Maritimes .....	509.4	403.3	498.4	+ 2.2	
Quebec .....	564.0	449.5	547.0	+ 3.1	
Ontario .....	588.5	418.1	537.4	+ 9.5	
Western Provinces .....	508.9	481.8	501.4	+ 1.5	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	438.7	398.2	429.5	+ 2.1	+ 3.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	433.7	354.3	419.8	+ 3.3	
Ontario .....	452.5	434.3	441.0	+ 2.6	
Western Provinces .....	415.5	392.1	420.1	- 1.1	

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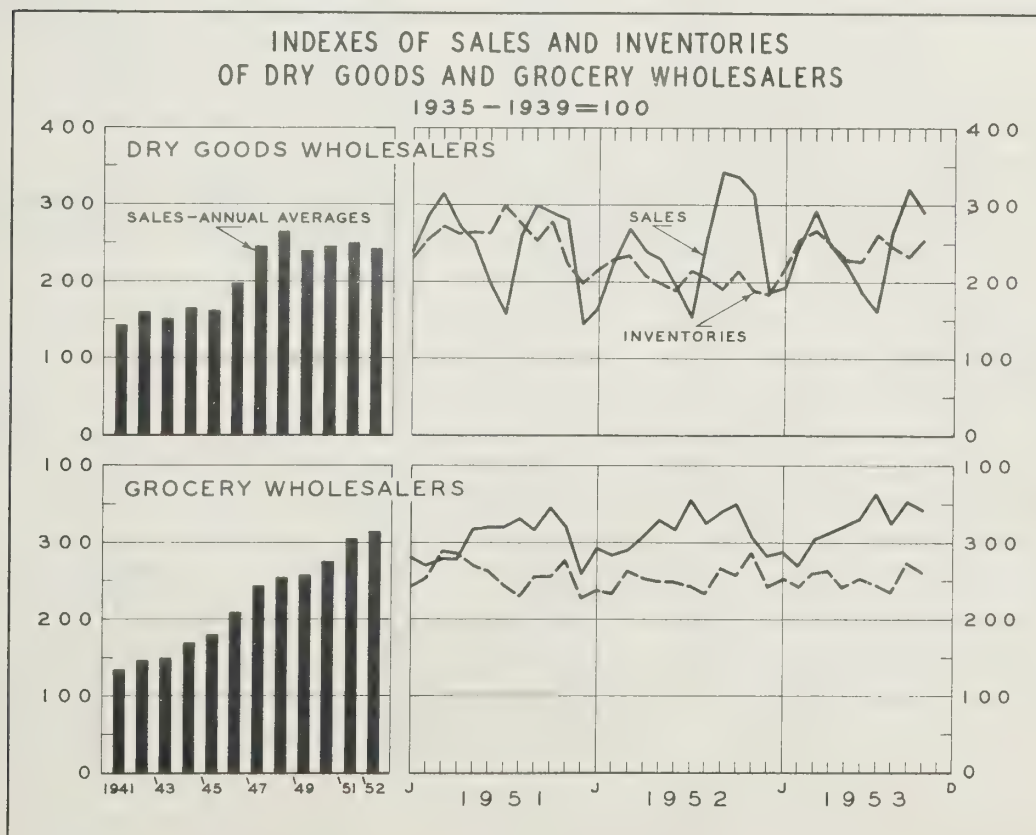
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### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales moved downward in October 1953 for the first time in five months, according to figures submitted by wholesalers in the nine trades covered in this survey. Wholesalers of footwear reported decreased sales of 24% compared with October 1952, dry goods sales declined 13%, clothing 10%, fruits and vegetables 7% and tobacco and confectionery 3%. Wholesalers of auto parts and equipment, groceries and drugs all reported a drop of 2% in sales. Sales of hardware with an increase of 1% reported the only gain in sales during October 1953.

### Inventories

The dollar value of stocks held by wholesalers was 3% higher at the end of October 1953 than at the same date last year. Inventories of clothing and footwear increased 28% and 21% respectively. Stocks of dry goods were 19% higher, tobacco and confectionery stocks increased 8% while smaller gains of 6% and 2% were reported by wholesalers of auto parts and equipment and groceries. Month end stocks of fruits and vegetables declined 19%, while stocks of drugs and hardware declined 2% and 1% respectively.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Number of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
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October 1953	255.1	261.2
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Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	October (P) 1953	September (P) 1953	October 1952	Sales %	Inventory %
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	400.4	409.5	414.3	- 4.0	+ 3.1
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	663.5	713.3	678.5	- 2.3	+ 6.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	562.4	561.3	655.5	- 14.2	
Ontario .....	711.7	748.7	693.0	+ 2.7	
Western Provinces .....	664.3	771.6	673.1	- 1.3	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	423.6	407.2	432.4	- 2.1	- 2.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .....	408.0	407.4	417.6	- 2.3	
Western Provinces .....	475.4	407.2	481.7	- 1.3	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	363.3	318.8	403.7	- 10.0	+ 27.7
<b>Footwear .....</b>	427.3	512.3	565.9	- 24.5	+ 21.0
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	290.4	321.2	336.0	- 13.4	+ 18.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	263.5	306.6	297.4	- 11.4	
Ontario .....	307.3	327.4	368.5	- 16.6	
Western Provinces .....	315.6	337.7	364.8	- 13.5	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables .....</b>	306.6	291.1	320.2	- 7.4	- 19.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	172.0	177.8	208.0	- 17.3	
Ontario .....	256.7	260.6	288.1	- 10.9	
Western Provinces .....	478.6	426.1	455.4	+ 5.1	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	342.6	353.3	349.8	- 2.1	+ 1.7
Maritimes .....	350.7	335.8	373.1	- 6.0	
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<b>Hardware .....</b>	526.1	542.0	522.7	+ 0.6	- 0.9
Maritimes .....	535.9	509.4	529.0	+ 1.3	
Quebec .....	547.0	564.5	540.5	+ 1.2	
Ontario .....	551.0	588.5	530.3	+ 3.9	
Western Provinces .....	499.5	508.9	508.1	- 1.7	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	446.1	439.7	460.2	- 3.0	+ 7.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	450.3	433.7	471.5	- 4.5	
Ontario .....	447.1	452.5	460.9	- 3.0	
Western Provinces .....	436.2	420.5	438.4	- 0.5	

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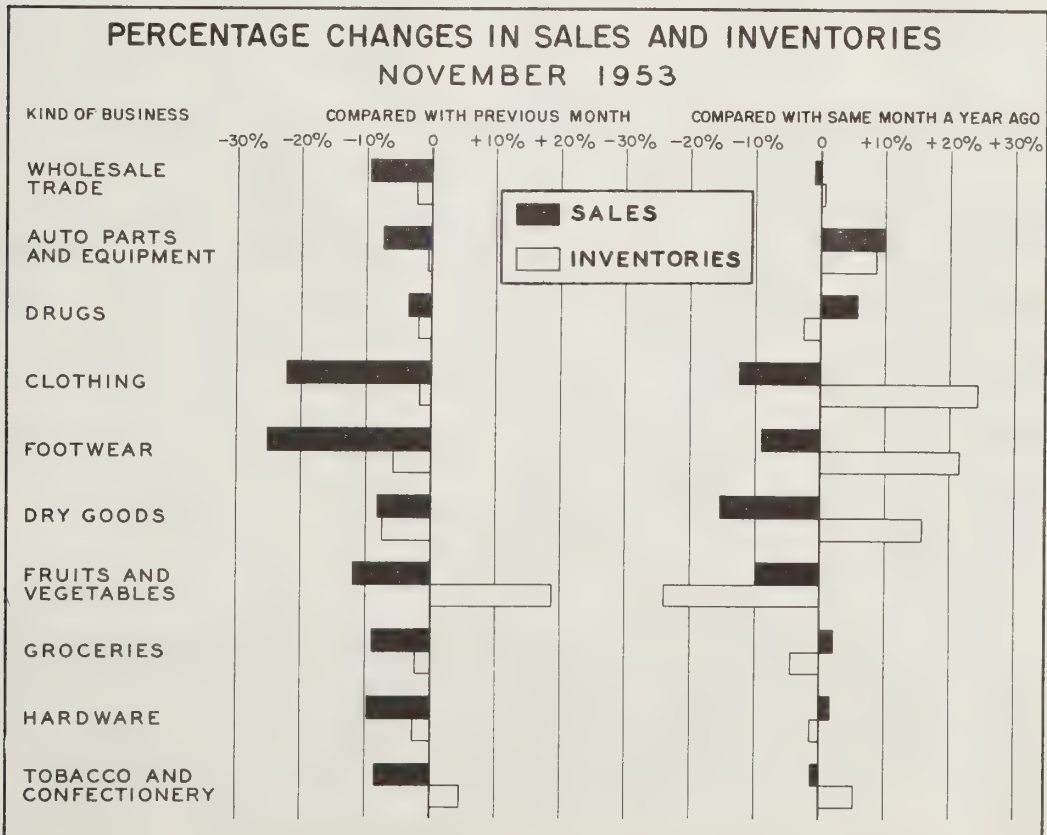
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WHOLESALE TRADE  
NOVEMBER, 1953

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The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939= 100) stood at 361.0 for November 1953 compared with 362.3 for November a year ago and 398.9 for October 1953.



### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales in November were slightly lower than in the same month of 1952 and showed a considerable seasonal decrease from October 1953. Declines in the soft goods trades and in fruit and vegetables more than offset increased sales in the other trades covered in this survey. Wholesalers of dry goods and clothing reported sales decreases of 15% and 13% respectively, while fruit and vegetable wholesalers reported 10% less sales this November. Wholesalers of auto parts and equipment showed a 10% increase in sales, drugs 6%, groceries and hardware 2% over November of last year.

### Inventories

The increase in dollar value of stocks at the end of November 1953 over the same date last year was greatest in the clothing, footwear and dry goods trades with gains of 24%, 21% and 16%, respectively. Substantially lower inventories of fruit and vegetable wholesalers (-24%) together with lesser decreases in the inventory level of drug, grocery and hardware wholesalers resulted in only a fractional total inventory gain over November 1952.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Number of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
November 1953	220.0	274.8
October 1953	255.9	260.9
November 1952	190.0	287.4

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NOVEMBER 1953

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	November (P) 1953	October (R) 1953	November 1952	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	<b>361.0</b>	<b>398.9</b>	<b>362.3</b>	<b>- 0.9</b>	<b>+ 0.7</b>
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	<b>614.1</b>	<b>663.9</b>	<b>562.7</b>	<b>+ 9.9</b>	<b>+ 8.6</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	539.1	565.7	516.9	+ 4.3	
Ontario .....	624.9	711.0	523.8	+ 19.3	
Western Provinces .....	653.1	664.3	656.4	- 0.5	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	<b>409.5</b>	<b>424.9</b>	<b>387.3</b>	<b>+ 5.7</b>	<b>- 2.5</b>
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	393.5	409.7	373.3	+ 5.4	
Western Provinces .....	462.8	475.4	434.1	+ 6.6	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	<b>282.5</b>	<b>363.3</b>	<b>322.8</b>	<b>- 12.5</b>	<b>+ 24.3</b>
<b>Footwear .....</b>	<b>321.7</b>	<b>430.1</b>	<b>353.1</b>	<b>- 8.9</b>	<b>+ 21.4</b>
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	<b>265.9</b>	<b>290.0</b>	<b>314.2</b>	<b>- 15.4</b>	<b>+ 15.8</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	248.6	262.6	297.4	- 16.4	
Ontario .....	270.6	307.3	321.4	- 15.8	
Western Provinces .....	287.7	315.6	333.0	- 13.6	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables .....</b>	<b>261.4</b>	<b>297.4</b>	<b>291.2</b>	<b>- 9.9</b>	<b>- 24.0</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	205.8	172.0	220.3	- 6.6	
Ontario .....	238.2	257.3	271.6	- 12.3	
Western Provinces .....	334.7	452.2	376.1	- 11.0	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	<b>311.6</b>	<b>342.2</b>	<b>305.8</b>	<b>+ 2.1</b>	<b>- 4.4</b>
Maritimes .....	312.1	350.0	326.5	- 4.4	
Quebec .....	239.5	251.6	227.9	+ 5.1	
Ontario .....	301.4	340.3	294.9	+ 2.2	
Prairies .....	316.6	343.5	305.0	+ 3.8	
British Columbia .....	455.6	494.7	448.0	+ 1.7	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	<b>472.0</b>	<b>523.3</b>	<b>464.4</b>	<b>+ 1.6</b>	<b>- 1.4</b>
Maritimes .....	404.9	535.9	383.4	+ 5.6	
Quebec .....	523.8	544.8	505.6	+ 3.6	
Ontario .....	483.6	542.0	479.8	+ 0.8	
Western Provinces .....	449.0	499.5	446.8	+ 0.5	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	<b>408.0</b>	<b>446.3</b>	<b>413.7</b>	<b>- 1.3</b>	<b>+ 5.4</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	396.6	450.3	391.5	+ 1.3	
Ontario .....	410.1	446.2	421.0	- 2.6	
Western Provinces .....	423.1	439.3	436.2	- 3.0	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

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## WHOLESALE TRADE

DECEMBER, 1953

The results shown in this report are based on returns from 400 wholesalers distributed over nine trades. They reflect trends in dollar volume of business and are not adjusted for changes in wholesale prices.

The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 344.4 for December 1953 compared with 340.8 for December a year ago and 361.5 for November 1953.



### Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales in December were slightly higher than in the same month last year. Increased sales reported for drugs and groceries more than offset declines in the other trades covered in this survey. Wholesalers of drugs and groceries registered sales increases of 4% and 7% respectively compared with sales in December 1952. In the soft goods trades, dry goods' sales dropped 12%, clothing 9% and footwear 7%. Wholesalers of hardware reported a decline of 3% in sales while auto parts and equipment sales dropped less than 1%. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers showed a drop of 4% in sales while tobacco and confectionery sales remained unchanged from December last year.

### Inventories

Stocks held by wholesalers were valued 1% higher at the end of December 1953 than at the same date last year. Substantial increases in inventory were reported by wholesalers of footwear and clothing (58% and 17% respectively.) Stocks of auto parts and equipment were 12% higher while those of dry goods and tobacco and confectionery increased 8% and 7% respectively. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables reported the only substantial drop in stocks - 17% below the level at December 31, 1952. Inventory of hardware declined 3%, groceries 1% and drugs less than 1%.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year

Index Number of Wholesale Inventories  
(Average for 1935-1939=100)

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	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
December 1953	192.9	240.3
November 1953	219.5	273.9
December 1952	178.9	243.2

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DECEMBER 1953

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Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	December(P) 1953	November(R) 1953	December 1952	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	344.4	361.5	340.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.1
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	506.0	616.2	508.4	- 0.6	+ 11.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	428.3	548.4	509.9	- 16.0	
Ontario .....	575.9	624.9	542.8	+ 6.1	
Western Provinces.....	456.1	653.1	454.3	+ 0.4	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	407.4	408.8	393.4	+ 3.7	- 0.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	390.7	393.1	374.6	+ 4.3	
Western Provinces .....	463.0	461.0	456.2	+ 1.5	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	226.1	281.5	247.9	- 8.8	+ 16.6
<b>Footwear .....</b>	281.6	321.7	303.4	- 7.2	+ 58.2
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	162.2	266.0	183.7	- 11.8	+ 7.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	138.1	248.9	156.7	- 11.9	
Ontario .....	162.5	270.6	184.4	- 11.9	
Western Provinces .....	198.4	287.7	223.9	- 11.4	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	317.2	262.4	322.4	- 4.2	- 17.3
Maritimes and Quebec .....	191.9	205.8	226.8	- 15.4	
Ontario .....	285.6	241.5	304.2	- 6.1	
Western Provinces .....	464.7	334.7	429.9	+ 8.1	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	302.0	311.7	282.7	+ 6.9	- 1.2
Maritimes .....	298.7	312.1	299.0	- 0.1	
Quebec .....	242.7	239.5	216.9	+ 11.9	
Ontario .....	315.2	300.8	297.9	+ 5.8	
Prairies .....	268.0	316.3	250.7	+ 6.9	
British Columbia .....	455.6	458.3	411.2	+ 10.8	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	413.5	472.2	423.1	- 2.7	- 2.8
Maritimes .....	330.5	404.9	330.5	(2)	
Quebec .....	420.6	523.8	408.7	+ 2.9	
Ontario .....	528.1	484.1	514.2	+ 2.7	
Western Provinces .....	357.3	449.0	393.1	- 9.1	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	463.0	410.2	463.1	(2)	+ 7.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	481.7	395.0	482.7	- 0.2	
Ontario .....	464.3	413.0	469.0	- 1.0	
Western Provinces .....	426.8	430.5	414.8	+ 2.9	

1. Composite of Nine Trades      2. Unchanged

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